

21st OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

21st Operations Support Squadron is comprised of five flights and a maintenance division that provides operations and maintenance support to six geographically separated space warning squadrons and nine geographically separated space control squadrons.

The Weather Flight provides critical, timely and accurate weather intelligence in support of the 21st Space Wing and the Cheyenne Mountain Directorate worldwide.

The Intelligence Flight provides timely operational intelligence for planning, executing and sustaining Space Control operations in support of the 21st Space Wing, as well as timely strategic and theater Missile Warning intelligence information to 21st Space Wing units and wing leadership.

The Current Operations Flight directly supports 21st Space Wing leadership by collecting, organizing, developing and explaining information needed to achieve objectives, while continuously seeking to improve 21st Space Wing management tools and processes.

The Weapons and Tactics Flight maximizes combat capability, integration and effects to weapons systems and operators against identified and emerging threats. This flight also leads 21st Space Wing exercises and manages the Warfighter Education program.

The Airfield Operations Flight supports every aircraft arrival, departure and over flight at Peterson AFB. Additionally, they maintain flight records for USAF crews, maintain ramp infrastructure, manage the flightline driving program, and serve as the military liaison for the Colorado Springs Airport and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Maintenance Division supports maintenance issues for the 21st Space Wing's Missile Warning and Defense Sensors and Space Control Sensors. The Maintenance Division also provides maintenance data analysis support as well as quality assurance oversight for the Peterson AFB Transient Alert, Aerospace Ground Equipment, and Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory contracts.

LINEAGE¹

21st Airdrome Squadron constituted, 25 Jan 1943

Activated, 1 Feb 1943

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

21st Operations Squadron activated, 6 May 1966

Inactivated, 1 Jan 1970

21st Airdrome Squadron and 21st Operations Squadron reconstituted and consolidated and redesignated 21st Operations Support squadron, 25 Sep 1991

Inactivated, 19 Dec 1991

Activated, 15 May 1992

STATIONS

Topeka AAF, KS

Elmendorf AFB, AK, 8 Jul 1966-1 Jan 1970

Peterson AFB, CO

ASSIGNMENTS

21st Operations Group, 15 May 1992 – 24 July 2020

Space Delta 2, 24 July 2020

WEAPON SYSTEMS

H-21

C-47

C-54

C-118

T-33

¹ Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

COMMANDERS

Lt Col E. McConnell

Lt Col Troy Endicott, May 2009

Lt Col Colin Connor, 4 May 2011

Lt Col Robert Hutt, June 2013 – July 2015

Lt Col Jeffrey E. Weisler, May 2017 – June 2019

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan- 31 Dec 1969

EMBLEM





21st Operations Support Squadron emblem

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 21st Operations Squadron mission was search and rescue using the H-21. The 21st Operations Squadron also flew the C-47, C-54 and C-118 as part of the wing's airlift mission.