

## 21st SPECIAL TACTICS SQUADRON



### MISSION

21st Special Tactics Squadron is organized, trained and equipped specifically for various special operations missions facilitating air operations on the battlefield. They conduct combat search and rescue missions, collect intelligence, as well as call in close air support or airstrikes against enemy combatants and are often partnered with other U.S. special operations forces overseas.

### LINEAGE

1721st Combat Control Squadron designated and activated, 1 Jul 1984  
Redesignated 624th Combat Control Squadron, 1 Jun 1992  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993  
Redesignated 21st Special Tactics Squadron and activated, 1 May 1996

### STATIONS

Pope AFB, NC , 1 Jul 1984 – 1 Oct 1993  
Pope AFB (later Pope Field), NC, 1 May 1996

### ASSIGNMENTS

Twenty-First Air Force, 1 Jul 1984  
1725th Combat Control Group, 1 Mar 1991  
624th Airlift Support Group, 1 Jun 1992 – 1 Oct 1993  
720th Special Tactics Group, 1 May 1996

### COMMANDERS

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

Panama, 1989-1990

### **Campaign Streamers**

Defense of Saudi Arabia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Afghanistan Consolidation II

Afghanistan Consolidation III

Iraqi Sovereignty

Iraqi New Dawn

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

20 Dec 1989-9 Jan 1990

1 Sep 2001-31 Aug 2003

Gallant Unit Citation

1 Jan 2006-31 Dec 2007

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jul 2006-31 May 2008

1 Jan 2008-30 Sep 2009

1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2011

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1987

1 Aug 1995-31 Jul 1997

1 Aug 1997-31 Jul 1999

1 Oct 2012-30 Sep 2014

## **EMBLEM**



1721st Combat Control Squadron emblem



21st Special Tactics Squadron emblem approved, 18 Mar 1999

**MOTTO**

**OPERATIONS**