

31 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 31 Force Support Squadron is the 31 Fighter Wing's largest and most diverse squadron, comprised of more than 600 military and civilian personnel whose primary mission is to enhance combat capability, readiness, and quality of life for a community of nearly 10,000 military members, DoD civilians, local national employees, and dependents. The squadron accounts for over \$260 million in base facilities as well as appropriated and non-appropriated fund activities of more than \$25 million.

The squadron is responsible for the daily operations of two dining facilities, 171 lodging rooms, 350 bed spaces in contingency dorms, two fitness centers, two child development centers, a consolidated club, youth center, skills center, leisure travel services, golf course, bowling center, veterinary clinic, library, honor guard, and the wing's readiness, casualty, and mortuary affairs programs. The squadron also includes several distinct mission support functions that include Military Personnel, Civilian Personnel, Manpower and Organization, Airmen & Family Readiness, Education Services, Airman Leadership School and the First Term Airman Center.

LINEAGE

Squadron D, 31 Airdrome Group designated, 6 Nov 1947

Organized, 20 Nov 1947

Discontinued, 25 Aug 1948

31 Food Service Squadron, Fighter, Jet constituted, 15 Jun 1948

Activated, 22 Aug 1948

Redesignated 31 Food Service Squadron, 20 Jan 1950

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1952

31 Services Squadron constituted and activated, 9 Jun 1967

Organized, 15 Jul 1967

Squadron D, 31 Airdrome Group, 31 Food Service Squadron and 31 Services Squadron Consolidated, 10 Oct 1984

Redesignated 31 Morale, Welfare, Recreation and Services Squadron, 21 Apr 1992

Redesignated 31 Services Squadron, Jan 1994

Inactivated, 1 Apr 1994

Activated, 1 Apr 1994

Redesignated 31 Force Support Squadron, 7 Jul 2008

STATIONS

Turner Fld (later, AFB), GA, 20 Nov 1947-1 Jul 1952

Tuy Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 15 Jul 1967

Homestead AFB, FL, 15 Oct 1970-1 Apr 1994

Aviano AB, Italy, 1 Apr 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

31 Airdrome Group, 20 Nov 1947

31 Air Base Group, 22 Aug 1948- 1 Jul 1952

Pacific Air Forces, 9 Jun 1967

31 Combat Support (later Support) Group, 15 Jul 1967-1 Apr 1994

31 Support (later Mission Support) Group, 1 Apr 1994

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II 1967-1968

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III 1968

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV 1968-1969

Tet 69/Counteroffensive 1969

Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969

Vietnam Winter/Spring 1969-1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive 1970

Southwest Monsoon 1970

Kosovo

Kosovo Air

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation
Vietnam, 1 May-31 Dec 1968

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device
[15 Jul 1967]-30 Apr 1968

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Apr 1994-1 Apr 1996

2 Apr 1996-1 Apr 1998

2 Apr 1998-1 Apr 2000

24 Mar-10 Jun 1999

1 Oct 2000-1 Oct 2002

2 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm
[15 Jul 1967]-31 Oct 1970

EMBLEM



31 Services Squadron emblem

31 Force Support Squadron emblem: On a disc per bend nebule Or and Azure, overall issuing from base a pair of stylized hands Gules, supporting a globe Celeste gridlined Argent, all within a narrow border of the second. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "PEOPLE ARE OUR MISSION" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "31 FORCE SUPPORT SQ" in Blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue

alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The globe symbolizes today's Expeditionary Air Force as a global force. The hands supporting the globe signify support of people, services and facilities. The nebule represents the joining together to provide support to every member of the armed forces. (Approved, 9 Sep 2008)

MOTTO

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