

48 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

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48 Food Service Squadron constituted, 25 Jun 1952

Activated, 10 Jul 1952

Discontinued and inactivated, 15 Jan 1962

Redesignated 48 Services Squadron, 21 Aug 1981

Activated, 1 Oct 1981

Redesignated 48 Morale, Welfare, Recreation, and Services Squadron, 1 Sep 1992

Redesignated 48 Services Squadron, 15 Jan 1994

Redesignated 48 Force Support Squadron, 29 Jul 2008

STATIONS

Chaumont AB, France, 10 Jul 1952

RAF Lakenheath, England, 15 Jan 1960-15 Jan 1962

RAF Lakenheath, England, 1 Oct 1981

ASSIGNMENTS

48 Air Base Group, 10 Jul 1952-15 Jan 1962

48 Combat Support (later, 48 Support; 48 Mission Support) Group, 1 Oct 1981

COMMANDERS

1st Lt Kenneth G. Conrad, 10 Jul 1952
WOJG Harold L. Brock, Jun 1953
Maj Hoy C. Cole, 7 Jun 1955
1st Lt Howard J. Tyson, 13 Jul 1955
1st Lt Robert L. Borod, 16 Sep 1956
1st Lt Earl R. Murphy, 28 Nov 1957
1st Lt Fritz C. Friday, 11 Jan 1958
Unknown, 1 Jul 1958 – 15 Jan 1962
Maj David F. Honeycutt, 1 Oct 1981
Maj William L. Melrose, 19 Nov 1982
Capt Ronald D. Rasmussen, Jr., 15 Jul 1985
1st Lt Timothy D. Knipe, 27 Jun 1986
Maj R. T. Parker, 1 Nov 1986
Maj Patricia A. Varner, 28 Dec 1987
Maj Leighton D. Costilow, 17 Jul 1990
Lt Col Lewis E. McBride Iii, 20 Aug 1992
Maj Michael A. O'dell, 13 Jan 1994
Lt Col Michael D. Bradley, 6 May 1997
Lt Col Michelle S. Atchison, 27 May 1997
Lt Col Kimberly A. Toney, 25 Mar 1999
Lt Col Melissa R. Kallet, 12 Jan 2001
Maj Stephen M. Dale, 22 Feb 2001
Lt Col Kerry L. Beagham, 5 Jun 2003
Maj Serena Armstrong, 23 May 2005
Lt Col Derrick A. Aiken, 7 Jul 2006

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jul 1984-30 Jun 1986
1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1988
1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1990
20 Aug 1990-11 May 1991
1 Jul 1992-30 Jun 1994
1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996
1 Aug 1996-30 Sep 1998
1 Oct 2000-24 Sep 2002

1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004
1 Oct 2004-31 Oct 2005
1 Nov 2005-31 Dec 2006

Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation
Libya, 10-16 Apr 1986

EMBLEM



Blue and yellow are the colors used for Air Force and red symbolizes life and action. Stars are emblematic of Military Leadership and interlacing connotes a strong support. The center star represents the unit and the six sided hexagon refers to the basic functional responsibilities. The three stars upon the trefoils, symbols of unity, represent Consumer Affairs and along with the above symbolize the overall mission of the 48 Services Squadron. (Approved, 15 Apr 1982; latest rendering, 26 Jan 2023.)

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OPERATIONS

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