

7 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 7 Operations Support Squadron is responsible for B-1 combat effectiveness. The squadron directs wing flight operations, conventional mission planning, combat tactics, airfield management, aircrew training, exercise scheduling, aircraft scheduling, weapons and tactics standardization, intelligence integration, war plans, deployment planning, weather support, small computer support, simulator training, air traffic control, maintenance analysis, mobility processing and wing life support functions.

LINEAGE

7 Airdrome Squadron constituted, 7 Nov 1942

Activated, 21 Nov 1942

Inactivated, 20 Aug 1948

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

7 Operations Support Squadron constituted, 4 Jun 1952

Activated, 16 Jun 1952

Inactivated, 20 Jun 1953

Activated, 1 Dec 1957

Discontinued, 15 Mar 1960

7 Airdrome Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 7 Operations Support Squadron, 29 Aug 1991. Consolidated organization designated 7 Operations Support Squadron

Activated, 1 Sep 1991
Inactivated, 31 Dec 1992
Activated, 1 Oct 1993

STATIONS

Selfridge Fld, MI, 21 Nov 1942
Wendover Fld, UT, 1 Feb 1943
Camp Stoneman, CA, 4-14 Jun 1943
Guadalcanal, 13 Jul 1943
Nadzab, New Guinea, 13 Sep 1944
Luzon, Philippines, 12 Jul 1945
Kadena Fld, Okinawa, 1 Jun 1947
Nagoya AB, Japan, 25 Mar 1948
Tachikawa AB, Japan, 5 Apr-20 Aug 1948
Carswell AFB, TX, 16 Jun 1952-20 Jun 1953
Carswell AFB, TX, 1 Dec 1957-15 Mar 1960
Carswell AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1991-31 Dec 1992
Dyess AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Service Command, 21 Nov 1942
Second Air Force, 28 Dec 1942
Thirteenth Air Force, 19 Jun 1943
Far East Air Force Combat Replacement and Training Center, 15 Jun 1944
8 Service Group, 29 Jun 1944
Southwest Pacific Area, 19 Sep 1944
360 Air Service Group, 1 Sep 1945
29 Air Service Group, 11 Jan 1946
85 Fighter Wing, 20 Apr 1946
1 Air Division, 1 Jun 1947
Fifth Air Force, 25 Mar-20 Aug 1948
7 Air Base Group, 16 Jun 1952-20 Jun 1953
7 Air Base (later, 7 Combat Support) Group, 1 Dec 1957-15 Mar 1960
7 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991-31 Dec 1992
7 Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Timothy J. Smith, 3 Sep 1999
Lt Col William E. Roberts, Jun 2000
Lt Col E. West Anderson, Jun 2002
Lt Col Christopher Wren, 1 Jul 2004
Lt Col Harry A. Foster, Jun 2006
Lt Col Gregory J. Payne, Oct 2007
Lt Col Michael Starr, 5 Jun 2009

Lt Col Jeffrey Engelker, 2 Jun 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

Global War on Terrorism (GWOT-S)

Campaign Streamers

World War II

New Guinea

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jun 2013-31 May 2015

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1996-31 May 1998

1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004

1 Jun 2005-31 May 2007

1 Jan 2016-31 Dec 2017

EMBLEM





Approved, 21 Jul 1994; newest rendition approved, 22 Aug 2019

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

September 2003 The 7 OSS received a new Tower Simulator System from ACC for use in training air traffic controllers. Dyess became the second base, after Barksdale AFB, LA, to receive the new unit. MSgt Zef Smith, 7 OSS chief controller, said the unit received a 72-hour notice for submitting a package to receive the new unit and, with help from 7 CES and Billy Rich, won approval from ACC to house the new training unit. MSgt Smith said that SSgt Charles Bushong performed much of the work required in preparing the new location for the simulator. MSgt Smith also said that the unit planned on cutting 20-30 percent of the 9 month training required by using the state-of-the-art simulator. This was especially important at Dyess as the air traffic controllers must plan on the different requirements for B-1Bs and C-130s.

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Sources

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