

## 70<sup>th</sup> OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

Provided oversight and guidance to the wing's subordinate groups and squadrons in five functional areas, to include 1) current operations, 2) operations training, 3) force management, 4) exercises, and 5) readiness. Squadron served as cryptologic lead for global Air Force National-Tactical Integration and Distributed Common Ground Station programs.

### LINEAGE

70<sup>th</sup> Airdrome Squadron activated, 24 Jan 1943

Redesignated 70<sup>th</sup> Airdrome Squadron (Special), 14 Apr 1943

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 70<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, 6 Apr 2005

Activated, 1 May 2005

### STATIONS

Salt Lake City, UT, 1 Feb 1943

Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 5 Mar 1943

Fairmont Army Airfield, NE, 1 Aug 1943

Galveston, TX, 14 Sep 1943-1 Apr 1944

Ft George G. Meade, 1 May 2005

### ASSIGNMENTS

70<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 1 May 2005-1 Jan 2009

70<sup>th</sup> Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, 1 Jan 2009-14 Jan 2009

70<sup>th</sup> Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Wing, 14 Jan 2009

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Mark Thonnings, 1 May 2005  
LTC Ronald R. Prince, 19 Jul 2005  
LTC Troy S. Thomas, 16 Jul 2007  
LTC Steven E. Anderson, 13 Jul 2009  
LTC Sang H. Yoo, 9 Jun 2011  
Maj Jennifer J. Snow, 19 Jun 2013  
Maj John D. Walsh, 7 Aug 2013  
LTC Brandon M. Beauchan, 7 Aug 2015

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 May 2005-31 May 2005  
1 Jun 2006-31 Dec 2007  
1 Jun 2008-1 Jun 2009  
1 Jan-31 Dec 2010  
1 Jan-31 Dec 2011  
1 Jan-31 Dec 2012  
1 Jan-31 Dec 2013  
1 Jan-31 Dec 2014  
1 Jun 2015-31 May 2016

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, a knight chess piece Sable fimbriated Argent surmounted by six spears in gyronny in middle base Tenné speared Silver Gray charged with a skeleton key in honor point wards up and to sinister Or, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "KNIGHT STALKERS" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "70TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQ" in Yellow 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 master key symbolizes the Squadron's ability to unlock enemy capabilities and determine their intentions. The Knight represents the intellectual tools necessary to fight and win our nation's wars. The rotating spear demonstrates the unit's ability to adapt to emphasize any of its many mission areas precisely when and where needed--putting intelligence "at the tip of the spear" to

enable a decisive victory against any adversary, anywhere in the world. (Approved, 4 April 2007)

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

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Sources

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