

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



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

96<sup>th</sup> Operations Squadron constituted, 6 Nov 1953  
Activated, 18 Nov 1953  
Inactivated, 13 Dec 1957  
Activated, 7 Feb 1961  
Organized, 25 Jun 1961  
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jan 1962  
Redesignated 96<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, 29 Aug 1991  
Activated, 1 Sep 1991  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993  
Activated, 1 Oct 2012

### STATIONS

Altus AFB, OK, 18 Nov 1953-13 Dec 1957  
Dyess AFB, TX, 25 Jun 1961-1 Jan 1962  
Dyess AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1991-1 Oct 1993  
Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Oct 2012

### ASSIGNMENTS

96<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group, 18 Nov 1953-13 Dec 1957  
96<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Group, 25 Jun 1961-1 Jan 1962  
96<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991-1 Oct 1993  
96<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 1 Oct 2012

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

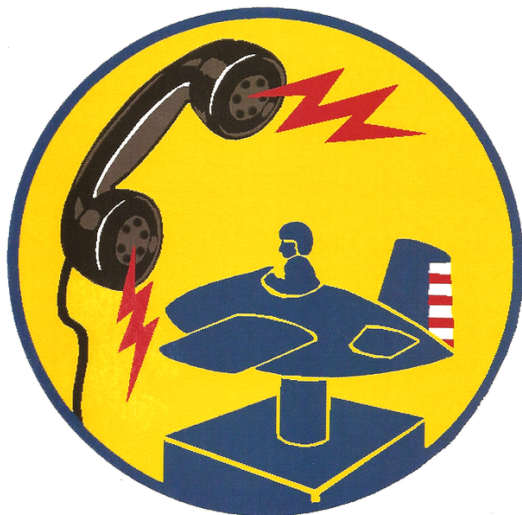
Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

[1 Sep 1991]-29 May 1992

## EMBLEM



96<sup>th</sup> Operations Squadron

96<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron emblem: On a disc Or, issuant from dexter base an air traffic control tower with two antennae Sable, emitting two lightning bolts, one to sinister chief and one to sinister Gules, ascending to dexter from sinister base a stylized aircraft silhouette Azure, tail markings six bars alternating of the third and Argent, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "96TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQ" in Blue letters. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "SEMPER VIGILANS" 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 primary mission of the operations squadron is communications and training. The tower represents the many varied operations performed by the men and women of the unit, all of which demand excellence in communication. Lightning bolts represent the weather support mission and the speed of communications. The aircraft signifies the overall

mission of providing full spectrum operations support for the safe and effective conduct of aerial testing missions.

**MOTTO**

SEMPER VIGILANS--Always Watchful

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**OPERATIONS**

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Air Force Order of Battle

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