

SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING CENTER



MISSION

LINEAGE

Special Missions Operational Test and Evaluation Center constituted, 23 Sep 1983

Activated, 1 Oct 1983

Inactivated, 1 Apr 1994

Redesignated Air Force Special Operations Training Center, 5 Sep 2008

Activated, 1 Oct 2008

STATIONS

Eglin Air Force Auxiliary AflD # 9 (Hurlburt Fld), FL, 1 Oct 1983-1 Apr 1994

Eglin Air Force Auxiliary AflD # 9 (Hurlburt Fld), FL, 1 Oct 2008

ASSIGNMENTS

Military Airlift Command, 1 Oct 1983

Air Force Special Operations Command, 22 May 1990-1 Apr 1994

Air Force Special Operations Command, 1 Oct 2008

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-130, 1990-1994

MH-53, 1992-1994

MH-60, 1992-1994

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 1 Oct 1983-30 Nov 1986
Col Thomas A. Linn, 1 Dec 1986
Unmanned, 15 Apr-17 Jul 1990
Col Marvin A. Schott, 18 Jul 1990-1 Apr 1994

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
1 Jun 1989-1 Jun 1991

EMBLEM



Special Missions Operational Test and Evaluation Center

Air Force Special Operations Training Center emblem: Per bend Smoke and Silver Gray, a bend Azure, bordered by flashes Or, between in sinister chief a hurt within an annulet Argent, bearing a mullet of the last, charged with a torteau and in dexter base a lamp of the fourth, flamed Gules; all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "AF SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING CTR" 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 lightning bolts and diagonal bend signify the electronic continuum and link between the battlefield Airmen and air power. The General Hap Arnold star is a symbol that marks the origin of the Army Air Corps and early Air Commandos. It

also represents the special operations origins in the European Theater during WWI and the link to the clandestine missions flown under codename "Operation Carpetbagger." The mission of AFSOC Training Center is to turn Airmen into Air Commandos. The lamp and flame are recognized symbols of knowledge and military wisdom, which are key characteristics of the training center. All elements combined symbolize the Training Center's mission to train and educate special operations airmen. It pays homage to the Special Missions Operational Test and Evaluation Center (SMOTEC), a former AFSOC group-equivalent organization de-activated in the 1990's. The emblem is also a tribute to the origins of special operations and Air Commandos during WWII. (Approved, 12 Dec 1984)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Special Missions Operational Test and Evaluation Center provides the detailed planning, directing, and reporting of operational test and evaluation (OT&E) projects for MAC special operations and rescue-related systems. It conducts these OT&Es to identify the operational effectiveness and suitability of weapons systems before procurement, and following procurement, when appropriate, to evaluate system performance against changing operational needs. The OT&E results identify operational deficiencies, evaluate system changes, and provide information on organizational structure, personnel requirements, doctrine, and tactics.

Air Force Special Operations Command formally stood up the Air Force Special Operations Training Center 6 Oct 2008 at Hurlburt Field, Fla. The center consolidates all of the command's training units under one roof. It will be responsible for all mission qualification training of operators of AFSOC's gunships, special-mission transports, unmanned aerial vehicles, and nonstandard aviation, Col. Paul Harmon, the center's commander said in an interview Oct. 10. The AFSOTC will also be in charge of training the command's combat aviation advisors and special tactics airmen, he said. AFSOC expects to have the center fully operational in Fiscal 2012.

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