

## SQUADRON OFFICER SCHOOL



### **MISSION**

SQUADRON OFFICER SCHOOL is a 5-week leadership program and is the second tier of PME for officers. For nearly 60 years, SOS has educated CGOs, teaching them to think analytically and creatively, to build and lead small teams, and to improve their leadership abilities. The mission of SOS is to “Educate, motivate, and mentor Captains as current and future Air Force Leaders.” The curriculum relies heavily on a hands-on, applied teaching model for learning and focuses on the tactical level leadership competencies as articulated in Air Force Doctrine Document 1-1 and the Air Force Institutional Competency List.

SOS offers seven classes per year in order to meet the Air Force throughput of approximately 80 percent attendance opportunity for line Captains.

SOS also provides a distance-learning (DL) course for eligible DoD officers and civilians. The SOS distance-learning course is particularly important for Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel as the vast majority are unable to attend SOS in-residence.

### **LINEAGE**

Squadron Officer School established and activated, 1 Nov 1954  
Redesignated Headquarters, Squadron Officer School, 1 Aug 1986

### **STATIONS**

Maxwell AFB, AL, 1 Nov 1954

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Air Command and Staff College, 1 Nov 1954

Air University, 1 Jul 1959  
Squadron Officer College, 8 Feb 2000

## **COMMANDERS**

Col Edward R. Ellis, 1997

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

#### Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1969-31 Dec 1970  
1 Jan 1973-31 Dec 1974  
1 May 1980-30 Apr 1982  
1 Jan 1983-31 Dec 1984

#### Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards

1 Jan 1985-31 May 1986  
1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995  
1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1998  
1 Jul 1998-7 Feb 2000  
8 Feb 2000-30 Jun 2001  
1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2003  
1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2004  
1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2006  
1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007  
1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2008

### **EMBLEM**

Approved, 15 Oct 1998

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

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