

# **TWENTY-THIRD AIR FORCE**



## **LINEAGE**

Twenty-Third Air Force (Air Forces Special Operations Forces) established, 30 Nov 2007  
Activated, 1 Jan 2008

## **STATIONS**

Hurlburt Field, FL, 1 Jan 2008

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Air Force Special Operations Command, 1 Jan 2008

## **COMMANDERS**

BG Michael W. Callan, 1 Jan 08  
BG Thomas J. Trask, 14 Jul 08  
BG Richard S. Haddad, 7 Jan 2009  
Col Marshall B. Webb, 3 Apr 2009

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

None

## **EMBLEM**

Approved, 27 Dec 2007

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## OPERATIONS

As the only numbered Air Force in the Air Force Special Operations Command, the Twenty-Third Air Force provides highly trained special operations command and control, intelligence and support forces for the execution of assigned missions.

Air Force Special Operations Command inactivated 23rd Air Force, its former warfighting headquarters, during a ceremony at Hurlburt Field, Fla., announced command officials. "We realized it would be more efficient to reunite the staff under AFSOC," said Brig. Gen. Timothy Leahy, who led 23<sup>rd</sup> AF from August 2012 up until its inactivation, during the ceremony, according to Hurlburt's April 4 release. "Our people and our mission are what really matter, and that hasn't changed one bit," he added. Maj. Gen. George Williams, Air Force Reserve's mobilization assistant to the AFSOC commander, who led 23rd AF for part of 2010, took part in the flag furling with Leahy, states the release. Following the inactivation ceremony, the 623rd Air and Space Operations Center assumed 23rd AF's mission and took on a new name: the AFSOC Operations Center. AFSOC activated 23rd AF in January 2008 with the mission of providing highly trained air commandos to support combatant commanders worldwide. 2013



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