



United States Space Force **Lineage and Honors History**

3 Space Operations Squadron (SpOC)

Lineage. Constituted as 3 Photographic Squadron on 15 May 1941. Activated on 10 Jun 1941. Redesignated as: 3 Mapping Squadron on 13 Jan 1942; 3 Photographic Mapping Squadron on 9 Jun 1942; 3 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Heavy, on 19 May 1944; 3 Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range (Photographic-RCM), on 19 Sep 1945; 3 Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Photographic, on 15 Jan 1946. Inactivated on 15 Mar 1947. Consolidated (13 Oct 1994) with the 3 Satellite Control Squadron, which was constituted on 9 Jan 1990. Activated on 2 Feb 1990. Redesignated as 3 Space Operations Squadron on 30 Jan 1992. Inactivated on 13 Jun 2017. Activated on 19 Jun 2020. Changed status from a unit of United States Air Force armed force to a unit of United States Space Force armed force on 21 Oct 2020.

Assignments. 1 Photographic (later, 1 Mapping; 1 Photographic Charting) Group, 10 Jun 1941; 11 Photographic Group, 1 Dec 1943; 311 Photographic (later, 311 Reconnaissance) Wing, 5 Mar 1944 (attached to Twentieth Air Force, 1 Nov-13 Dec 1944; XXI Bomber Command, 14 Dec 1944-15 Jul 1945; Twentieth Air Force, 16 Jul 1945-2 Feb 1947); Twentieth Air Force, 3 Feb-15 Mar 1947. 2 Space Wing, 2 Feb 1990; 50 Operations Group, 30 Jan 1992-13 Jun 2017. 750 Operations Group (later, Space Delta 9), 19 Jun 2020-.

Stations. Maxwell Field, AL, 10 Jun 1941; MacDill Field, FL, 22 Dec 1941; Smoky Hill AAFld, KS, 16 Apr-3 Aug 1944; Saipan, 18 Sep 1944; Guam, 11 Jan 1945-15 Mar 1947. Falcon (later, Schriever) AFB, CO, 2 Feb 1990-13 Jun 2017. Shriever AFB (later SFB), CO, 19 Jun 2020-.

Service Streamers. World War II American Theater. Global War on Terrorism - Service (GWOT-S).

Campaign Streamers. *World War II*: Western Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Sep 1990-31 Aug 1991; 1 Oct 1998-30 Sep 2000; 1 Oct 2000-1 Oct 2001; 1 Oct 2001-1 Oct 2002; 2 Oct 2002-2 Oct 2003; 1 Oct 2007-30 Sep 2009; 1 Jan 2015-31 Dec 2016.

Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 2 Oct 2023.

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