

# Air Force Special Operations Command

Commander: **Lt. Gen. Paul V. Hester** Headquarters: **Hurlburt Field, Fla.**  
Command Chief Master Sgt.: **Chief Master Sgt. Howard Mowry** Established: **May 22, 1990**

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## Mission

America's specialized air power. Provides combat search and rescue, and delivers special operations power anytime, anywhere.

## Responsibilities

Provides aerospace surface interface, agile combat support, combat aviation advisory operations, information warfare, personnel recovery and rescue operations, precision aerospace fires, psychological operations, specialized aerospace mobility and specialized refueling to unified commands.

## People

Active duty.....	12,735
Officers .....	1,969
Enlisted.....	10,766
AFRC.....	2,615
ANG.....	3,289
Civilians.....	1,040
Total.....	19,679

## Flying Hours

Per month: 3,800

## Organization

- 16th Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla. (AC-130H/U, MC-130H/P, MH-53J/M)
- 347th Rescue Wing, Moody AFB, Ga. (HC-130P, HH-60G)
- 352nd Special Operations Group, RAF Mildenhall, England (MC-130H/P, MH-53M)
- 353rd Special Operations Group, Kadana AB, Japan (MC-130H/P)
- 563rd Rescue Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
- 720th Special Tactics Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, Langley AFB, Va.
- USAF Special Operations School, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- 18th Flight Test Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

