

The Operational Support Flyer (OSF) program is essential to ensure public affairs Airmen are properly trained, qualified and available to provide images and video that meet missioncritical needs. To maintain in-house aerial documentation capabilities, the Air Force District of Washington (AFDW) has authorized wings under its purview to provide Operational Support (9C) qualified fliers.



WHAT IS THE OSF PROGRAM?

The mission of the AFDW Aerial Program is to maintain qualified public affairs Airmen for leverage to provide aerial documentation products in support of commanders and the Air Force mission. In addition, Airmen can support deployment-like contingency taskers and may fulfill AFDW requests for aerial documentation that the 1st Combat Camera Squadron cannot. These Airmen will be versed in aerial photo and video documentation.



WHY ARE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FLIERS CRITICAL TO THE DOD?

OSF Airmen are an integral part of joint exercises, contingency operations and humanitarian relief efforts. Aerial imagery is a fundamental tool for commanders and decisionmakers throughout the Department of Defense. Imagery taken in flight showcases the Air Force mission of "Airpower Anytime, Anywhere," while also supporting specific strategic, operational and tactical mission objectives. It can be used for operational analysis, training, public information and for historical records made accessible through the Defense Visual Information Distribution Service.

OSF FLYER CAPABILITIES



AERIAL DOCUMENTATION

- Public Information
- Historical Documentation
- Contingency Operations
- Construction Progress
- Airfield Assessment

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