

102nd INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



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EMBLEM

On a disc per bend Azure and Sable, a shamrock Proper, charged in dexter base with a globe voided Vert, gridlined Argent, issuant from dexter chief and encircling the globe a contrail bendwise Or, issuant from sinister base of the clover a three tipped lightning bolt bendwise of the fifth, each tip terminating in a flight symbol bendwise of the fourth, all within a narrow border Sable. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "COMMUNICO SUSTENTO TRIUMPHO" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "102D INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT SQ" in Black letters.

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The shamrock represents local heritage and tradition, as well as the hope

and adaptability of unit personnel. The three leaves are segments of the unit functions, “Communications, Logistics, and Support.” The globe represents the ability to leverage operations worldwide. The disk divided represents day and night operations, the 24/7 nature of the unit.

When the new 102nd Intelligence Support Squadron started seeking its own emblem to represent its mission, it turned to the members of the squadron for ideas. After careful review of all the concepts and artwork submitted, one design idea in particular stood out. Master Sgt. John Draper, 102nd ISS communications systems specialist, took a look back into the history of the wing, and found an interesting symbol with exclusive ties to the 102nd Intelligence Wing: a bright, bold and proud shamrock. Draper discovered that the origins of the shamrock concept date back to 1957 when it was created to honor the memory of Lt. Col. Joseph Mahoney, former 101st Fighter Interceptor Squadron commander, who died in a crash while flying an F-94 Starfire near Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. One of the first instances of the shamrock’s use was in 1958, when the F-86 were delivered to the 102nd Tactical Fighter Wing with a shamrock painted on the nose and tail of the aircraft. In 1961, a uniform patch utilizing the shamrock, lightning bolts and a globe was created and approved to be worn by local leadership, for the Phalsbourg Air Base deployment in France.

With the help of David Anderson, Air National Guard History Office senior historian and Air National Guard liaison to the Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA), Draper was able to send the chosen design through the proper approval channels to AFHRA to be officially named the 102nd Intelligence Support Squadron emblem. The emblem will forever be recognized as an honor to the past and will proudly represent 102nd Airmen today and in the future.2009

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COMMUNICO SUSTENTO TRIUMPHO--Communications Support Victory

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OPERATIONS



Air Force Order of Battle

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