

## 423 AIR BASE SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

423 Air Service Group established, 22 Nov 1944  
Activated, 15 Apr 1945  
Inactivated, 27 Aug 1945  
Reconstituted and redesignated 423 Air Base Squadron, 10 Apr 1995  
Activated, 1 Jul 1995

### STATIONS

Framlingham, England, 15 Apr-25 Jul 1945  
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 4-28 Aug 1945  
RAF Molesworth, England, 1 Jul 1995  
RAF Alconbury, England, 2003

### ASSIGNMENTS

3 Air Division, 15 Apr 1945  
Second Air Force, 4-28 Aug 1945  
603 Regional Support Group, 1 July 1995  
100 Air Refueling Wing, 19 July 1996  
420 Air Base Group, 12 Jan 2004  
423 Air Base Group, 12 May 2005

### COMMANDERS

Lt Col Roy L. Sorrells, 15 Apr 1945–28 Aug 1945  
Lt Col Gerald B. Evans, 1 Jul 1995  
Lt Col Scott R. Calisti, 1 Jul 2003  
Lt Col Andrew A. Thorburn, 12 May 2005;

Lt Col Gregory N. Urtso, 31 May 2007  
Lt Col David D. Kretz (temp), 20 Nov 2008  
Maj Justin P. Mokrovich (temp), 30 Jan 2009

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II  
European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
[1 Jul 1995]-30 Jun 1996  
1 Jul 1996– 31 Jul 1997  
24 Mar 1999 – 10 Jun 1999  
11 Jun 1999 – 10 Jun 2001  
1 Jan 2004 – 1 Apr 2005  
1 Jan 2006 – 31 Dec 2007

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, a griffin rampant wings elevated and addorsed Or, langued Gules, eyed and armed Sable, grasping in its dexter paw a sword Argent, hilt of the second enflamed of the third and grasping in its sinister paw a shield blazoned: Gules a hurt charged with a mullet Argent, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "423D AIR BASE SQUADRON" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE" in Yellow letters. **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 griffin symbolizes strength, honor, loyalty and courage, an ever-alert guardian that embodies the Squadron's spirit. The shield signifies the unit's effort in protecting peace and freedom. The star denotes the unit's commitment to excellence. The flaming sword recalls the Squadron's lineage and commemorates the sacrifice, gallantry and courage of previous personnel during World War II. (Approved, 1 Sep 1999)

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