

425th AIR BASE SQUADRON



MISSION

The 425th Air Base Squadron is a Geographically Separated Unit, or GSU, of the 39th Air Base Wing, Incirlik AB, Turkey. Squadron provides Provide medical, legal, logistics, communications, security forces, morale, services, financial and engineering support to U.S. personnel assigned to Component Command Headquarters Air Izmir and tenant organizations. Administer the \$1 million U.S.-Turkish Cigli AB Loan Agreement. The 425th ABS is composed of four flights: Logistics Flight, Security Forces Flight, Services and Communications, as well as a fully contracted civil engineering function. Approximately 105 U.S. Air Force military members are assigned to the air station. There are about 20 U.S. civilians, which includes government employees and contractors, and about 240 Turkish government and contracted employees.

LINEAGE

425th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron constituted, 20 Sep 1942
Activated, 1 Oct 1942
Disbanded, 10 Apr 1944

7241st Support Squadron designated, and activated, 1 Jul 1970
Redesignated 7241st Air Base Squadron, 1 Jan 1973
Redesignated 7241st Air Base Group, 1 Aug 1980
Redesignated 741st Air Base Squadron, 15 Jun 1993

425th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron reconstituted and 741st Air Base Squadron consolidated and redesignated 425th Air Base Squadron, 1 Nov 1994

Redesignated 425th Air Base Group, 3 Oct 2005
Redesignated 425th Air Base Squadron, 1 Jul 2009

STATIONS

Langley Fld, VA, 1 Oct 1942

Hunter Fld, GA, 23 Jan 1943
Chatham Fld, GA, 11 Feb 1943-10 Apr 1944
Izmir, Turkey, 1 Jul 1970

ASSIGNMENTS

First Air Force, 1 Oct 1942
Air Service Command, 19 Dec 1942
Third Air Force, 2 Mar 1943
First Air Force, 24 Sep 1943-10 Apr 1944
7217th Air Division, 1 Jul 1970
39th Tactical Group, 9 Sep 1970
Sixteenth Air Force, 1 Dec 1970
TUSLOG, United States Air Forces in Europe, 15 Oct 1971
Sixteenth Air Force, 17 Jul 1992
39th Support Group, 1 Oct 1993
39th Wing (later, 39th Air Base Group; 39th Air Base Wing), 8 Mar 1998

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II
American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Aug 1989-31 Jul 1991
15 Jun 1993-15 Jun 1999
1 Jan 1996-30 Aug 1997
27 Jun-29 Sep 1998
24 Mar-10 Jun 1999
15 Dec 1999-14 Dec 2001
15 Dec 2001-14 Jul 2003
15 Jul 2003-31 Oct 2004
1 Nov 2004-31 Oct 2005
1 Nov 2005-31 Dec 2006

EMBLEM



425th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron emblem

425th Air Base Squadron emblem: On a disc per pale Azure and Argent, a knight upon his mount in armor counterchanged of the field, grasping in dexter hand a sword Or and in sinister hand an escutcheon blazoned Or, a polestar inverted per pale Azure and Argent; all within a narrow Blue border. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "ALLIANCE VALOR TRADITION" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "425TH AIR BASE SQUADRON" in Blue 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 divided shield suggests day and night and reflects the twenty-four hour a day mission functions of the unit. The knight symbolizes the honor and integrity of the unit personnel. The shield and sword at ready represents the Squadron's support of the defense of the United States. The horse and rider at gallop reflect the unit's support to its wing and groups to ensure their ready response. (Approved, 28 Mar 1984; newest rendition approved, 13 Apr 1995)

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ALLIANCE VALOR TRADITION

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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