

## 442 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

442 Food Service Squadron constituted, 8 May 1950  
Activated in the Reserve, 22 Jun 1950  
Ordered to Active Service, 10 Mar 1951  
Inactivated, 12 Mar 1951  
Activated in the Reserve, 15 Jun 1952  
Inactivated, 14 Apr 1959  
Redesignated 442 Services Squadron 10 Oct 1984  
Redesignated 442 Morale, Welfare, Recreation, and Services Squadron, 1 Aug 1992  
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1992  
Redesignated 442 Morale, Welfare, Recreation, and Services Flight, 1 Oct 1992  
Redesignated 442 Services Flight, 1 Jan 1994  
Inactivated, 1 Sep 1994  
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 2002  
Redesignated 442 Force Support Squadron, 15 Oct 2010

#### STATIONS

Olathe NAS, KS, 22 Jun 1950-12 Mar 1951  
Olathe NAS, KS, 15 Jun 1952  
Grandview (later, Richards-Gebaur) AFB, MO, 3 Apr 1955-14 Apr 1959  
Richards-Gebaur, AFB, MO, 1 Aug 1992-1 Sep 1994  
Whiteman AFB, MO, 1 Oct 2002

#### ASSIGNMENTS

442 Air Base Group, 22 Jun 1950-12 Mar 1951  
442 Air Base Group, 15 Jun 1952-14 Apr 1959

442 Support Group, 1 Aug 1992-1 Sep 1994  
442 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Mar 2003-28 Feb 2005

1 Mar 2005-28 Feb 2007

15 Aug 2007-14 Aug 2009

## EMBLEM



On a disc Brün, issuant from sinister a stylized horse head Argent, eyed Gules, detailed and fimbriated Sable, garnished with an armored helm of the fourth, detailed and outlined Or, edged of the fourth, charged by a mullet in sinister of the second, bearing a torteau; all within a narrow border Blue. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "QUOD SOLUS QUAE SIMUL" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "442D FORCE SUPPORT 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. Gold Brown signifies the dawn of a new day. The warhorse supported the campaigns of previous eras by bringing both the warfighter and supplies into the battlefield. In the spirit of the warhorse, the unit supports today's warfighters. Its coat of white suggests the purity of the unit's mission, while its red eyes denote

the passion of their drive in accomplishing the call to serve. The black armor symbolizes the strength of the squadron's resolve, their shield forged by the trials and hardship in these times of war. The white star with a red disc is a tribute to the earlier generations in the 442d Fighter Wing's history. (Approved, 29 Jul 2020)

## **MOTTO**

QUOD SOLUS -- QUAE SIMUL--Nothing Alone -- Everything Together

## **OPERATIONS**

The 442 Services Flight took to the road April 5, as 21 of its members of traveled to MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., to perform annual training there for two weeks. Working with their counterparts in the 6th Services Squadron, the 442 Services reservists rotated through several Services areas around the base. "Our people were able to see and contribute on how the job can get done with different experiences and teams," said Master Sgt. Travis Stickels, 442 SVF NCOIC. "You had contractors, active duty and our reserve unit all working together." One focal point for the deployment was the MacDill Inn where the Whiteman troops worked with the lodging front desk staff helping provide 24 hour check-in and check-out service. Other 442 Services members working in lodging assisted with inventories and worked with lodging maintenance department. One laborious task included changing all the door locks on three buildings.

442 Services members working in MacDill's 348-seat Diner's Reef dining facility were able to jump in and backfill positions in the storeroom. This was no small task as the facility, whose customers include the 6th Air Mobility Wing's mission partners, USCENTCOM and USSOCOM, annually serves about 262,000 meals . During the deployment, most members took the opportunity to attend some classes at MacDill's fitness center. Members of the Services team also trained in mortuary affairs and readiness. They also rotated through the base's honor guard where they attained a better understanding of the purpose of the honor guard. The honor guard provides military funeral honors to all active duty, retired and veteran members. The honor guard's area of responsibility is extensive and comprises a large geographic area throughout much of the west coast of Florida.

It includes the Tampa and St. Petersburg area, south to Naples and Miami, and north to Brooksville and Leesburg. Several 442 members also participated in some of the funeral honors at Florida National Cemetery, in nearby Bushnell, Fla., the most frequently visited site for the base's honor guard.

In addition to normal duty assignments, the 442 Services members tried out their green thumbs and volunteered to work with the outdoor recreation department, helping to plant more than 100 trees in the family camping area on base. Besides performing their military duties, some of the reservists volunteered to work with a Habitat for Humanity effort. In the old family housing area on base, soon be torn down and replaced with new houses, they removed items that would benefit the local Habitat for Humanity organization.

Master Sgt. Ed Updyke and Tech. Sgt. Eddie Norton volunteered time to help remove stoves, water heaters and ceiling fans along with other electrical fixtures, cabinets and vanities that would be taken out of the 25 units and resold to benefit the Hillsborough Habitat for Humanity in the Tampa area. Their efforts were not a surprise to Sergeant Stickels. "It really doesn't surprise me that Master Sgt. Updyke and Tech. Sgt. Norton were the first ones to raise their hand to support the Habitat," Sergeant Stickels said. "That's just how they are; they're always looking out for others and are always willing to lend a hand, especially for a great cause like this." Officials at Habitat for Humanity were grateful for the support. "The donated items will help us but even more than having those items, it was so great to work

with Airman volunteers who came out to help us,” said Marty Ziakgrat with Hillsborough Habitat for Humanity. 2008

The 442 Fighter Wing’s mission support flight and services flight combined to form the 442 Force Support Squadron under the command of Maj. Joe Walter, Nov. 6. The unification was mandated Air Force-wide and brings two missions together under one cohesive squadron. The 442 Fighter Wing Mission Support Group commander, Col. Alan Teauseau, described the unification of the two flights as a merger rather than a hostile takeover. “The biggest challenge I see is Airmen will need to overcome apprehension with new bosses and different ways of doing things,” Colonel Teauseau said. “They’re already doing an outstanding job of working through the process and it’s exciting to watch two services-oriented units work together.” During the stand-up and assumption-of-command ceremony, Colonel Teauseau spoke of the confidence he has in Major Walter and acknowledged him as the right person for the job. “There is so much talent from top to bottom in each organization, which makes it an absolute honor to have been chosen to be the first 442. 2010

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