

43 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

310 Airdrome Squadron constituted, 1 Apr 1943

Activated, 5 Apr 1943

Redesignated 43d Airdrome Squadron (Special), 14 Jun 1943

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

Reconstituted, redesignated 43 Operations Support Squadron, and activated, 1 Jun 1992

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1996

Activated, 1 Apr 1997

STATIONS

Alamogordo Bombing Range, NM, 5 Apr 1943

Pyote AAB, TX, 13 May 1943-1 Apr 1944

Malmstrom AFB, MT, 1 Jun 1992-1 Oct 1996

Pope AFB, NC, 1 Apr 1997

ASSIGNMENTS

43 Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992

43 Air Refueling Group, 1 Jul 1994-1 Oct 1996

43 Operations (later, 43 Airlift; 43 Air Mobility Operations) Group, 1 Apr 1997

COMMANDERS

Lt Col David Morgan

HONORS

Service Streamers

Global War on Terrorism, (GWOT-S)

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1992-30 Jun 1993

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996

1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000

1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2002

1 Jul 2002-31 May 2004

1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006

1 Jun 2006-31 May 2007

1 Sep 2007-31 Aug 2009

1 Sep 2009-31 Aug 2011

1 Sep 2012-31 Aug 2013

1 Sep 2013-31 Aug 2014

1 Sep 2014-31 Aug 2015

1 Sep 2015-31 Aug 2016

EMBLEM



Azure, a lightning flash bendwise Or, surmounted by a globe Light Blue with axis bendwise gridlined Argent supporting a demi-panther reversed salient Proper (Black) arm and detailed White, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "43D OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQ" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed with "SELDOM SEEN ALWAYS THERE" 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

lightning flash reflects the energy and speed with which the unit goes into action. The panther represents the power and stealth exhibited by the unit. The globe is significant of the scope of the unit's response and commitment to perform its mission anywhere, anytime. (Approved, 20 Oct 2000; newest rendition approved, 28 Aug 2017).

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