

420 MUNITIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

The 420 Munitions Squadron provides rapid war reserve materiel munitions movement capability and performs routine munitions stockpile maintenance at USAFE's 2nd largest munitions storage facility.

LINEAGE

420th Munitions Squadron constituted and activated, 12 May 2005

STATIONS

RAF Fairford, England
RAF Welford, England

ASSIGNMENTS

420 Air Base Group, 12 May 2005

COMMANDERS

Maj Jeffrey A. Pruss, 12 May 2005
Maj John T. Willoughby, Jr., 26 Jun 2007

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 2006-31 Dec 2007

EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, in saltire a battle axe Proper, with three bands on the handle Or to sinister base and a missile Argent garnished Vert and a Yellow band on nose point to dexter base. Overall an enflamed bomb shell Proper, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "SILENT STRENGTH" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "420TH MUNITIONS SQ" in Black 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 Anglo-Saxon battle axe alludes to the geographical location of the RAF Welford relative to the nearby town of Wantage, which stands in isolation amid the English countryside. The Anglo-Saxon Thorn Rune on the battle axe signifies "Silent Strength Waiting to be Unleashed." The MK 84 JDAM missile signifies the explosive power and the era of precision engagement. The enflamed bomb shell represents the Squadron's unyielding determination and might for mission successes.

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OPERATIONS

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