

434 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

434 Operations Support Squadron Eleven different areas make-up the 434 Operations Support Squadron whose main mission is to support the 434 Operations Group and the Wing's combat-ready KC-135 aircrews. Such activities as life support, mission development, operations training, tactics, flight management, operations plans and intelligence fall under the umbrella of the operations support squadron.

LINEAGE

434 Operations Squadron constituted, 5 Dec 1958

Activated in the Reserve, 14 Apr 1959

Ordered to Active Service, 28 Oct 1962

Relieved from Active Duty, 28 Nov 1962

Discontinued, and inactivated, 11 Feb 1963

Redesignated 434 Operations Support Squadron, and activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1992

Redesignated 434 Operations Support Flight, 1 Oct 1992

Redesignated 434 Operations Support Squadron, 15 Jan 1999

STATIONS

Bakalar AFB, IN, 14 Apr 1959-11 Feb 1963

Grissom AFB, (Later, Grissom ARB), In, 1 Aug 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

434 Air Base Group, 14 Apr 1959-11 Feb 1963

434 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Todd Moody

Lt Col Larry Shaw

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 1992 – 31 Aug 1993

1 Sept 1994 – 31 Aug 1996

1 Oct 1998 – 30 Sept 2000

1 Oct 2000 – 30 Sept 2002

Air Force Meritorious Unit Award

1 Oct 2017 – 30 Sept 2019

EMBLEM



The 434th Operations Support Squadron emblem consists of three distinctive elements, each symbolizing a unique aspect of the squadron. The emblem consists of a black eagle, crossed checkered racing flags, and three groups of stars, colored red, Air Force yellow and Air Force blue all portrayed on a gray background. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The gray field represents the maturity and reliability for which our unit has become known, contributing to our wing's being known as "The Unit of Choice". The noble eagle symbolizes the unit's global reach, vision and determination. The color black used in the eagle and borders portrays the power, sophistication and depth of the unit's widely diverse mission. Together, they construct the squadron name, the "Black Eagles". The crossed checkered racing flags illustrate the rich spirit of competition embraced by the three squadrons within the 434th Operations Group. The red, yellow and blue stars are grouped in a 4-3-4 pattern to represent our unit's numerical designation. The colors red and Air Force blue reflect the support of our sister squadrons, the

74th and 72d Air Refueling Squadrons, respectively. The Air Force yellow stars reflect the unit's global commitment.

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