

## 439 MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

439 Air Base Group established, 19 May 1949  
Activated in the Reserve, 27 Jun 1949  
Ordered to Active Service, 1 Apr 1951  
Inactivated, 3 Apr 1951  
Activated in the Reserve, 15 Jun 1952  
Inactivated, 16 Nov 1957  
Redesignated 439 Combat Support Group, and activated, 4 Dec 1963  
Organized, 8 Jan 1964  
Discontinued, and inactivated, 15 Jan 1968  
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Apr 1974  
Redesignated 439 Air Base Group, 1 Oct 1987  
Redesignated 439 Combat Support Group, 1 Apr 1990  
Redesignated 439 Support Group, 1 Feb 1992  
Redesignated 439 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002

#### STATIONS

Selfridge AFB, MI, 27 Jun 1949-3 Apr 1951  
Selfridge AFB, MI, 15 Jun 1952-16 Nov 1957  
Misawa AB, Japan, 8 Jan 1964-15 Jan 1968  
Westover AFB (later, Westover ARB), MA, 1 Apr 1974

#### ASSIGNMENTS

439 Troop Carrier Wing, 27 Jun 1949-3 Apr 1951

439 Fighter-Bomber Wing, 15 Jun 1952-16 Nov 1957

39 Air Division, 8 Jan 1964-15 Jan 1968

439 Tactical Airlift (later, 439 Military Airlift; 439 Airlift) Wing, 1 Apr 1974

## COMMANDERS

Col Dana S. Marsh

Col Michael R. Mounts

Col Kenneth Lute

Col Bruce Finley

Col Brandon Stepp

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1975-31 Dec 1976

15 Jun 1989-15 Jun 1991

1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2001

1 Oct 2001-30 Sep 2003

1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2007

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2009

## EMBLEM



439 Air Base Group emblem: Gules, a globe azure grid lined argent, overall a lightning bolt in bend sinister or surmounted by a musket in bend sable garnished argent (silver gray) fimbriated of the fourth, all within a diminished bordure or. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and 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 scarlet background suggests the courage and patriotism of the unit's personnel. The globe indicates the unit's worldwide service. The lightning flash represents rapid mobility. The musket suggests the citizen soldier concept of the Air Force reserve.



439 Mission Support Group emblem: Group will use the wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll.

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

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