

# 461<sup>st</sup> OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



## MISSION

### LINEAGE

461<sup>st</sup> Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron constituted, 6 Oct 1942

Activated, 22 Oct 1942

Disbanded, 30 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 461<sup>st</sup> Operations Support Squadron, 1 Sep 2011

Activated, 1 Oct 2011

### STATIONS

Victorville, CA, 22 Oct 1942

Douglas AZ, 30 Oct 1942-30 Apr 1944

Robins AFB, GA, 1 Oct 2011

### ASSIGNMENTS

Army Air Forces West Coast Training Center, 22 Oct 1942-30 Apr 1944

461<sup>st</sup> Operations Group, 1 Oct 2011

### COMMANDERS

#### HONORS

##### Service Streamers

None

##### Campaign Streamers

None

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

None

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, an eagle Proper affronté wings displayed, between the wings five mullets arched three and two Or, the base embattled of three Sable, the center battlement cracked as a lightning flash of the field, all within a narrow border Black. Attached below the disc, a Silver Gray scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "461 OSS" in Black letters. Attached above the disc, a Silver Gray scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "EMITTE LUCEM ET VERITATEM" 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 eagle's commanding presence is unmatched and rules the skies through which it soars. It represents the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System's (JSTARS) missions and the mission of the OSS with its sustained vision and vigilance. Long-term vision and support planning are the primary roles of the OSS. The five stars represent the squadrons to which the OSS provides continuous support. The broken wall represents the strong impact the OSS has on this country's enemies through long-term vision and vigilance. (Approved, 2 Dec 2011)

## **MOTTO**

EMITTE LUCEM ET VERITATEM--Send Out Light and Truth

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

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Air Force Order of Battle

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