

474th EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

474th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron constituted, 10 Dec 1942

Activated, 18 Dec 1942

Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 474th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, and converted to provisional status, 16 Nov 2010

Activated, 17 Nov 2010

STATIONS

Abilene, TX, 18 Dec 1942-1 Apr 1944

Bogota, Colombia, 17 Nov 2010

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force, 18 Dec 1942

Third Air Force, 8 Mar 1943

Second Air Force, 15 Nov 1943-1 Apr 1944

Air Combat Command to activate at any time on or after 16 Nov 2010

474th Air Expeditionary Group, 17 Nov 2010

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

On a disc Celeste, a knight Azure, fimbriated Sable, garnished with feathers Volant from chief to base, eight Or, four of the second, four Gules, surmounted palewise by a sword point to chief, blade, guard and pommel Argent, grip of the fourth, detailed of the third, all within a narrow border Black. Attached below the disc, a Light Blue scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "474TH EXP OPS SUPT 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 colors red, blue and yellow are drawn from the emblem of the 474th Air Expeditionary Group, symbolizing the Squadron's parentage. The knight signifies the ability to move when obstructed, the only chess piece able to do so. Battlefields are complex environments with many obstructions that comprise the "fog of war," but airpower is not constrained by such obstructions; rather, it can range where and when needed. The sword signifies the dual defensive and offensive capabilities inherent to airpower. As stated in the Airman's creed, Squadron personnel are our nation's "Sentry and Avenger."

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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