

817 EXPEDITIONARY AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

817 Air Support Operations Squadron constituted, 27 May 1994

Activated, 1 Jul 1994

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1996

Redesignated 817 Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron, and converted to provisional status, 12 Feb 2009

STATIONS

Wurzburg, Germany, 1 Jul 1994-30 Sep 1996

ASSIGNMENTS

617 Air Support Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994

Third Air Force, 1 Aug-30 Sep 1996

Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time on or after 12 Feb 2009

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

[1 Jul 1994]-31 Aug 1995

EMBLEM

On a disc per fess Azure and Vert, a target of rings overall Gules charged with a lightning bolt in pale point to base Or, surmounted by a pair of swords in saltire points to base Argent, hilted Sable, all within a narrow border Red. Attached above the disc, a Silver Gray scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "VAE VICTIS" in Red letters. Attached below the disc, a Silver Gray scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "817TH EXP AIR SUPPORT OPS SQ" in Red 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 divided field represents the unit's role in air-to-ground operations. The sword signifies the determination with which unit members direct air strikes. The lightning flash denotes the dissemination of critical information upon which hinges mission success. The target rings symbolize courage displayed by unit members while confronting the enemy.

MOTTO

VAE VICTUS--WOE TO THE DEFEATED

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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