

43 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

Air Base Squadron, 44 Air Base Group constituted, 20 Nov 1940
Activated, 15 Jan 1941
Redesignated 43 Air Base Squadron, 17 Jan 1941
Redesignated 43 Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, 13 Jun 1942
Disbanded, 31 Mar 1944
Reconstituted and redesignated 43 Mission Support Squadron and activated, 1 Jun 1992
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1994
Activated, 1 Apr 1997
Redesignated 43 Force Support Squadron, 4 Jun 2008
Redesignated 43 Air Base Squadron, 1 Jul 2015
Redesignated 43 Force Support Squadron, 8 Jul 2022

STATIONS

McChord Fld, WA, 15 Jan 1941-31 Mar 1944
Malmstrom AFB, MT, 1 Jun 1992-1 Jul 1994
Pope AFB (later, Pope Army Airfield), NC, 1 Apr 1997

ASSIGNMENTS

44 Air Base Group, 15 Jan 1941
Second Air Force Base Command, 6 Nov 1941
Fourth Air Force, 31 Jul 1942-31 Mar 1944
43 Support (later, 43 Mission Support) Group, 1 Jul 1994
43 Airlift Group, 1 Mar 2011
43 Air Mobility Operations Group, 3 Jun 2016

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Brian Ballew

Lt Col Kimberly Wallace

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II

American Theater

Global War on Terrorism - Service (GWOT-S)

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1992-30 Jun 1993

1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000

1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2002

1 Jul 2002-31 May 2004

1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006

1 Jun 2006-31 May 2007

1 Sep 2007-3 Jun 2008

4 Jun 2008-31 Aug 2009

1 Sep 2009-31 Aug 2011

1 Sep 2011-31 Aug 2012

1 Sep 2012-31 Aug 2013

1 Sep 2013-31 Aug 2014

1 Sep 2014-31 Aug 2015

1 Sep 2015-31 Aug 2016

1 Sep 2016-31 Aug 2017

1 Oct 2017-31 Aug 2018

1 Sep 2018-31 Aug 2019

1 Sep 2019-31 Aug 2020

EMBLEM



On a disc Azure (Light Blue), a representation of Atlas issuing from base Or, shaded Sable holding a sphere of Dark Blue, axis and gridlines bendwise Argent, encircled by a Yellow contrail terminating with an orbiting flight symbol of the like ascending to sinister chief, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "43D MISSION SUPPORT SQ" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "PEOPLE FIRST – MISSION ALWAYS" 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 globe and orbiting flight symbol signify the unit's worldwide capabilities and readiness. The Atlas is a symbol of the unit's support mission. (Approved, 6 Aug 2001; latest rendering, 4 Nov 2015)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 43 Airlift Group streamlined its unit structure by combining several previous squadrons into two, newly activated ones during a ceremony at Pope Field, N.C., July 1. The group stood up the 43 Air Mobility Squadron to replace the groups' inactivated aircraft maintenance and aerial port squadrons. Likewise, the 43 Air Base Squadron replaces Pope's previous logistics readiness and force support squadrons into a single unit. The move aligns the 1,200-strong 43 AG with a 27-percent manpower cut enacted as part of an Air Force-wide Fiscal 2015 force reduction.

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