

61 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

61 Air Base Squadron (Special) constituted and activated, 1 Mar 1941
Redesignated 61 Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, 13 Jun 1942
Disbanded, 30 Apr 1944
Reconstituted and redesignated 61 Mission Support Squadron, 16 Sep 1994
Activated, 1 Oct 1994
Redesignated 61 Force Support Squadron, 1 Jun 2009

STATIONS

Maxwell Fld, Alabama, 1 Mar 1941
Cochran Fld, Georgia, 28 May 1941-30 Apr 1944
Los Angeles AFB, California, 1 Oct 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

71 Air Base Group, 1 Mar 1941-30 Apr 1944
61 Air Base Group, 1 Oct 1994

COMMANDERS

Capt James T. Patterson

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

30 Sep 1995-31 Dec 1996

1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004

EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, emerging from sinister a silhouette of a dragon detailed Gules and Tenné, claws and eye Or, breathing fire upon a sun in splendor Proper, edged of the second, charged upon a globe of the first gridlined of the fourth, above and to dexter arcing along the dragon's wing three mullets Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Orange border and inscribed "FIERCE GLOBAL DILIGENCE" in Orange letters. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Orange border and inscribed "61ST FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON" in Orange 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 dragon symbolizes transformation of strength and a union of manpower and the unit's service personnel working together as one to provide a fierce force support team. The gridlined globe represents the Squadron's obligation to secure our nation's freedom and diligence. The flames surrounding the globe signify a shield of protection. The three yellow stars represent the Air Force values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All the Unit Does. Approved on 2 Nov 2010.

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OPERATIONS

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