

422nd AIR BASE GROUP



MISSION

RAF Croughton houses the 422nd Air Base Group whose mission is to provide outstanding installation support, services, force protection, and worldwide communications across the entire spectrum of operations. The group is the premier global communication provider in the U.K. and supports NATO, U.S. European Command, U.S. Central Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, U.S. Department of State operations and Ministry of Defense operations. The group sustains more than 410 C2 circuits; and supports 25 percent of all European Theater to continental United States communications.

The group is made up of approximately 600 people assigned to the various squadrons throughout the group. The unit employs approximately 265 active duty military, 140 DoD Civilians and 200 Ministry of Defense employees.

The group is organized into group staff and four squadrons. The squadrons include the 422nd Air Base Squadron, 422nd Communication Squadron, 422nd Security Forces Squadron, 422nd Civil Engineer Squadron.

LINEAGE

22nd Air Depot Group constituted, 5 Jan 1942

Activated, 19 Jan 1942

Redesignated 22nd Air Depot, 12 Jul 1946

Inactivated, 20 Feb 1947

Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

Reconstituted and redesignated 422nd Air Base Group, 22 Mar 2005

Activated, 12 May 2005

STATIONS

Patterson Field, OH, 19 Jan 1942

Oklahoma City Air Depot (later, Tinker Field), 8 Aug 1942-31 Dec 1943
Kharagpur, India, 14 Feb 1944
Naha, Okinawa, 16 Aug 1945-20 Feb 1947
RAF Croughton, England, 12 May 2005

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Service Command, 19 Jan 1942
Oklahoma City Air Depot Control Area (later, Oklahoma City Air Service) Command, 8 Aug 1942
China-Burma-India Air Service Command, 14 Feb 1944
Twentieth Air Force, 29 Jun 1944
VIII Air Force Service Command, 16 Aug 1945
Okinawa Air Depot, by Oct 1945
IV Air Service Area Command, Jan 1946
Okinawa Air Materiel Area, 31 Jul 1946-20 Feb 1947
501st Combat Support Wing, 12 May 2005

COMMANDERS

Cpt Harold T. Hemion, 19 Jan 1942
1Lt Edward E. Plowman, 13 Apr 1942
Cpt Eugene Talliferro, 18 Apr 1942
Maj Russell M. Peters, 13 Jun 1942
LTC Earl C. Duncan, 2 Jul 1942
LTC Arthur V. Jones, Jr., 17 Sep 1943
Col Gerald Hoyle, Jan 1946
LTC Arch G. Campbell, Feb 1946
Col Vincent F. D'Angelo, 12 May 2005
LTC Terry E. Hayes, 6 Jul 2007
Col John J. Jordan, 20 Jul 2007
Col Douglas J. Mellars, Apr 2014
Col Charles Hamilton

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II
American Theater
Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

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22nd Air Depot Group emblems

22nd Air Depot Group emblem: Per fess azure and or, a fess nebuly per fess counterchanged to chief two mascles flory of the second, in base a sprig of buckeye, fruited proper. The ultramarine blue and orange are the colors of the Army Air Forces. The functions of the Group are attractively illustrated by the horizontal bands heraldically representing the military belt or girdle of honon, affording protection to the fliers. The nebuly division is the heraldic representation of clouds. The mascles, like other square figures represent honesty and constancy and which in the Holy writ is the hieroglyphic for persuasion. The state of activation, Ohio, is indicated by the buckeye, being known as the "Buckeye" State.

422nd Air Base Group emblem: Quartered Gules and Azure, overall a lion rampant Or, detailed, eyed and langued Sable, armed Argent, in the first quarter and encircling the dexter forepaw four mullets of the like, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "422D AIR BASE GROUP" in Blue 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 lion rampant symbolizes the host nation of the unit, England. The four stars represent the units in the Group. The quartered background signifies those who lost their lives for their country.

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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