

423rd AIR BASE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

423rd Air Service Group established, 22 Nov 1944

Activated, 15 Apr 1945

Inactivated, 27 Aug 1945

Reconstituted and redesignated 423rd Air Base Squadron, 10 Apr 1995

Activated, 1 Jul 1995

STATIONS

Framlingham, England, 15 Apr-25 Jul 1945

Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 4-28 Aug 1945

RAF Molesworth, England, 1 Jul 1995

RAF Alconbury, England, 2003

ASSIGNMENTS

3rd Air Division, 15 Apr 1945

Second Air Force, 4-28 Aug 1945

603rd Regional Support Group, 1 July 1995

100th Air Refueling Wing, 19 July 1996

420th Air Base Group, 12 Jan 2004

423rd Air Base Group, 12 May 2005

COMMANDERS

LTC Roy L. Sorrells, 15 Apr 1945–28 Aug 1945

LTC Gerald B. Evans, 1 Jul 1995

LTC Scott R. Calisti, 1 Jul 2003

LTC Andrew A. Thorburn, 12 May 2005;

LTC Gregory N. Urtso, 31 May 2007
LTC David D. Kretz (temp), 20 Nov 2008
Maj Justin P. Mokrovich (temp), 30 Jan 2009

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II
European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
[1 Jul 1995]-30 Jun 1996
1 Jul 1996– 31 Jul 1997
24 Mar 1999 – 10 Jun 1999
11 Jun 1999 – 10 Jun 2001
1 Jan 2004 – 1 Apr 2005
1 Jan 2006 – 31 Dec 2007

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, a griffin rampant wings elevated and addorsed Or, langued Gules, eyed and armed Sable, grasping in its dexter paw a sword Argent, hilt of the second enflamed of the third and grasping in its sinister paw a shield blazoned: Gules a hurt charged with a mullet Argent, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "423D AIR BASE SQUADRON" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE" in Yellow 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 griffin symbolizes strength, honor, loyalty and courage, an ever-alert guardian that embodies the Squadron's spirit. The shield signifies the unit's effort in protecting peace and freedom. The star denotes the unit's commitment to excellence. The flaming sword recalls the Squadron's lineage and commemorates the sacrifice, gallantry and courage of previous personnel during World War II. (Approved, 1 Sep 1999)

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Sources

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