

451st AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

451st Air Expeditionary Wing

STATIONS

Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Azure, issuing from base a demi-globe Celeste, landmasses of the field, between two shockwaves pilewise reversed from dexter base and sinister base, each debruised by two mullets, one and one, Argent, beneath two lightning bolts pilewise from dexter chief and sinister chief Gules, fimbriated Or, in nombril a mullet of the third, charged with a torteau; all within a diminished

bordure of the fifth. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "451ST AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING" 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 globe represents the worldwide capability of the unit to accomplish its mission. The lightning flashes are symbolic of the destruction to the aggressor. The shockwaves with stars are representative of supersonic speeds achieved by the unit during day and night operations. The center star with the red disc represents the long history of the unit and the Army Air Corps.

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

The 451st Air Expeditionary Wing was redesignated the 451st Air Expeditionary Group during a transition ceremony held at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, last week. Maj. Gen. Kenneth Wilsbach, commander of the 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan, presided over the Jan. 13 ceremony, during which Col. Scott Campbell assumed command of the redesignated unit, according to a release. "Whether you are a part of the 451st as a wing or a group, never forget the proud heritage that rests on your left shoulder," said Wilsbach. The Air Force activated the 451st AEG in 2002 as part of the Global War on Terror, but the group grew to a wing in 2009 because of its size and the requirements of the Air Force mission at Kandahar, said Mark Howell, the 451st AEW historian. 2014

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