

## 20<sup>th</sup> USAF ACADEMY CADET SQUADRON



### LINEAGE

### STATIONS

USAF Academy, CO

### ASSIGNMENTS

### COMMANDERS

Cpt William J. Begert, 1960

Cpt Gerald J. Naber

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### Decorations

### EMBLEM

The squadron's first emblem is blue elliptically shaped and has the major axis the words "20th SQ AFA" sits on top. The words "CAN-DO" are on the bottom. A silver delta-shaped plane and lightning bolt are in the center. A small, red jet stream trails from the back of the aircraft. The squadron motto, "CAN-DO," suggests that there is no task the squadron can't handle or goal they can't reach. The plane represents air power, and the silver lightning bolt symbolizes the academy.

The squadron's second emblem is a royal blue disc bordered in black. An aggressive, strong troll

stands in the middle. The green troll wears black trousers highlighted in violet. He is striding forward, stepping over the bright red three-dimensional Roman numeral "XX." "TROLLS" is inscribed behind the troll. In Scandinavian folklore trolls were supernatural giants who lived in the mountains. The 20th Squadron's troll, a robust character, symbolizes the aggressiveness and confidence of the squadron. It also symbolizes the desire to succeed while simultaneously maintaining a good attitude and sense of humor. The three-dimensional nature of the Roman numeral and the word "TROLLS" signify enduring spirit. The areas of the patch surrounding the troll contains the four class colors. Emblem was adopted in 1972.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

Trolls

## **OPERATIONS**

The mission of the USAF Academy is to educate, train, and inspire men and women to become officers of character motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation.

The cadet student body is designated the Cadet Wing. The wing is composed of four groups consisting of 10 squadrons each, with about 110 cadets assigned to a squadron. Each squadron consists of members of all four classes.

The United States Air Force Academy offers a four-year program of instruction and experience designed to provide cadets the knowledge and character essential for leadership, and the motivation to serve as Air Force career officers. Each cadet graduates with a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Cadets are exposed to a balanced curriculum that provides a general and professional foundation essential to a career Air Force officer. Special needs of future Air Force officers are met by professionally oriented courses, including human physiology, computer science, economics, military history, astronautics, law and political science.

The core curriculum includes courses in science, engineering, social sciences and humanities. Cadets take additional elective courses to complete requirements for one of 25 major areas of study. About 60 percent of the cadets complete majors in science and engineering; the other 40 percent graduate in the social sciences and humanities. Some of the most popular majors include management, astronautical engineering, international affairs and political science, history, behavioral science, civil engineering, aeronautical engineering, electrical engineering and engineering mechanics.



---

Air Force Order of Battle

Created: 27 May 2011

Updated:

Sources

Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

*Squadron Insignia of the United States Air Force Academy*. P. Michael Sheridan. Sheridan Publications. Colorado Springs, CO. 1990.