

## 434 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

The 434 Force Support Squadron is an amalgamation of three distinct units (Mission Support Flight, Civilian Personnel and Services Flight) whose common code is "taking care of our people." This merging blends military and civilian personnel functions, along with services, into one coordinated unit to support the 434 ARW's home station and deployment requirements.

### **LINEAGE**

434 Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron constituted, 20 Sep 1942

Activated, 1 Oct 1942

Disbanded, 20 Jul 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 434 Mission Support Squadron and activated in the Reserve,  
1 Aug 1992

Redesignated 434 Mission Support Flight, 1 Sep 2003

Redesignated 434 Force Support Squadron, 1 Dec 2010

### **STATIONS**

Mitchel Fld, NY, 1 Oct 1942

Trumbull Fld (later, Groton AAF), CT, 17 Nov 1942-20 Jul 1944

Grissom AFB (later, ARB), IN, 1 Aug 1992

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

First Air Force, 1 Oct 1942-20 Jul 1944

434 Support (later, 434 Mission Support) Group, 1 Aug 1992

### **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Daniel Harrison

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Aug 1992-31 Aug 1993

1 Sep 1994-31 Aug 1996

1 Oct 1998-30 Sep 2000

12 Sep 2000-11 Sep 2002

## **EMBLEM**



434 Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron emblem: On an elliptical blue figure, bordered gold cross bands, a white chess knight formed by the head of a winged Pegasus, surrounded by eleven white stars, arranged four, three and four. (Approved, 10 Jul 1943)



On a disc Azure, a winged knight chess piece Argent, garnished Argent (Silver Gray), within eleven mullets of the second, four in dexter, four in sinister, three arched in chief, all encircled by an annulet, fretted at the directional points Or; all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "IGNITE THE FIGHT" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "434TH FORCE SUPPORT SQ" 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 chess piece is comprised of a winged Pegasus which is symbolic of the members of the original armored air cavalry, Knights of the Air. The eleven white stars signify both the unit's designation number as well as the eleven primary functions of the Squadron: Civilian Personnel; Military Personnel; Administration; Force Development; Airman and Family Readiness; Food Service; Lodging; Fitness and Recreation; Mortuary; Readiness; and Honor Guard. The border of cross bands establishes the Squadron as the gold standard of Force Support units, providing superior, around-the-clock support to Airmen. (Approved, 19 Jan 2019)

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

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