

436 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 436 Operations Support Squadron provides dependable air traffic control, airfield management, weather, intelligence, life support, tactics, mission planning and aircrew training services to the Eagle Wing and its worldwide customers. The squadron has over 150 people assigned to complete its mission.

The airfield operations flight consists of air traffic control and airfield management branches. The flight provides support for all aircraft and aircrews stationed on and transiting DAFB. The air traffic control branch consists of the tower and radar approach control while the airfield management branch is responsible for the airfield and base operations.

The life support flight provides aircrew with emergency oxygen masks, flotation equipment, emergency signaling equipment, protective helmets, and aircrew chemical ensembles. The flight conducts training on life support equipment, chemical defense and combat survival.

The current operations flight provides current intelligence information in support of the wing's global airlift mission.

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The weather flight provides 24-hour weather support to DAFB and surrounding communities. Services consist of forecasting, observing and severe weather warning notification, in protection of over \$5.8 billion of vital assets. In addition, the flight provides weather briefing services to all aircrews operating out of DAFB and to U.S. Army and Air Force National Guard units across the northeastern U.S.

The weapons and tactics flight enhances the flying squadrons' readiness for combat missions by developing and training combat environment tactics and through combat mission planning support, tactical deception planning and quality assurance.

The training flight is responsible for the overall management of the Wing's aircrew flight and ground training program. They ensure operational capabilities are met through development and implementation of standardized training programs. The training flight schedules, coordinates, and monitors equipment utilization and the contractor's compliance with the multi-million dollar aircrew training system contract.

LINEAGE

436 Operations Support Squadron constituted and activated, 1 Dec 1991

STATIONS

Dover AFB, DE, 1 Dec 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

436 Operations Group, 1 Dec 1991

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Daniel Schellinger, 1 Dec 1991

Lt Col Douglas M. Marshall, 20 Sep 1992

Lt Col Erwin F. Lessell II, 19 Apr 1994

Lt Col John A. Guillory, 7 Jul 1995

Lt Col John E. Ball, 13 Jun 1997

Maj Milton C. Abbott, 24 Jul 1998

Lt Col Gregory P. Cook, 11 Sep 1998

Lt Col James D. Hamilton, Feb 2003

Lt Col Michael J. Spangler, 30 Mar 2006

Lt Col David J. Kumashiro, 14 Mar 2008

Lt Col Dale L. Landis, 12 Feb 2010

Lt Col Douglas D. Jackson, 11 Jul 2011

Lt Col Derek M. Salmi 11 Jun 2013

Lt Col Aaron J. Oelrich 9 Jun 2015

Lt Col Kit R. Conn 2 Jun 2017

Lt Col David T. Bredesen, 23 May 2019

HONORS

Service Streamers

Global War on Terrorism Service

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jan 2012 – 31 Dec 2012

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Aug 1992 – 31 Jul 1994

1 Jul 1997 – 30 Jun 1999

1 Jul 2000 – 30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2001 – 30 Jun 2002

1 Jul 2002 – 30 Jun 2003

1 Jul 2003 – 30 Jun 2004

1 Jul 2004 – 30 Jun 2005

1 Sep 2007 – 31 Aug 2009

1 Jan 2010 – 31 Dec 2010

1 Jan 2011 – 31 Dec 2011

1 Jan 2013 – 30 Sep 2014

1 Oct 2015 – 30 Sep 2017

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, issuant from dexter base a terrestrial demi-globe Celeste displaying land masses Vert, issuant from sinister base a demi-eagle Sable, head feathers Argent, eyed and beaked Or, detailed of the fourth, orbiting the globe clockwise and fesswise a contrail angled and extended chiefward and terminating in a flight symbol White, debruising its own shadow Sable, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "436TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQ" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH" in Blue letters. **SIGNICANCE:** 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 signifies the scope of the unit's responsibilities. The delta and contrail symbolize the unit's support of space operations. The eagle is a symbol of our country and a reference to the parent wing, "The Eagle Wing." (Approved, 11 Dec 2000)

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Diversity Is Our Strength

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OPERATIONS

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