

## 439 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

Base Detachment, Ladd Field constituted, 30 Dec 1941

Activated, 23 Apr 1942

Redesignated as 439 Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, 22 Sep 1942

Disbanded, 29 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 439 Mission Support Squadron and activated in the Reserve,  
1 Aug 1992

Redesignated 439 Force Support Squadron, 15 Oct 2010

### STATIONS

Ladd Field, AK, 23 Apr 1942-29 Apr 1944

Westover ARB, MA, 1 Aug 1992

### ASSIGNMENTS

11 (later, Eleventh) Air Force, 23 Apr 1942-29 Apr 1944

439 Support (later, 439 Mission Support) Group, 1 Aug 1992

### COMMANDERS

Lt Col Patrick Dufraigne

Lt Col Richard M. Cockley

Maj Gregory M. Federico

Lt Col Timothy Donnelly

Maj Kelly E. Hosey

Lt Col Holly Hemes

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

World War II  
Asiatic-Pacific Theater

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1996-30 Sep 1998

1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2001

1 Oct 2001-30 Sep 2003

1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2007

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2009

## EMBLEM



439 Mission Support Squadron emblem: On a disc Sable, in front of an annulet barbed of three counter-clockwise at the three, twelve and nine positions Or, surmounted at base by a stylized aircraft fesswise reversed Vert, a pair of hands issuing from base holding a globe displaying the Western Hemisphere all Proper, all within a narrow border Red. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "PRIDE" in Red letters. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "439TH MISSION SUPPORT SQ" in Red 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 flight symbol with its navigation path alludes to the Squadron's support of flight, the Wing's primary mission. The hands supporting the world denote the support of the worldwide mission. (Approved, 6 Nov 2003)

**MOTTO**

**OPERATIONS**

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