

## 717 AIR BASE SQUADRON



### MISSION

717 Air Base Squadron hosts the Ankara Support Facility. This multi-disciplinary squadron provides 18 support functions to a variety of Department of Defense entities, the U.S. Embassy in Turkey, and multiple other U.S. government agencies, totaling a supported population of over 1,100.

Additionally, the 717 Air Base Squadron supports the entire U.S. government community to include a Department of Defense Education Activity School, Commissary, and AAFES Base Exchange.

### LINEAGE

717 Air Base Squadron activated, 15 June 1993

Inactivated, 30 Jan 1994

Activated, 24 Jul 2008

### STATIONS

Ankara, Turkiye

### ASSIGNMENTS

**39 Mission Support Group**

### COMMANDERS

Lt Col Christopher Floyd

Lt Col James M. Gingras

Lt Col Manuela Peters, 17 Jul 2023

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

### EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, a double-headed eagle displayed Gold Brown charged on the breast with a shield Gules bearing a stylized stalk of wheat palewise Or between two lightning bolts pilewise of the third, fimbriated Argent and superimposed in base a crescent of the fourth surmounted by a hurt bearing a mullet of the fifth pierced of the third, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "THE PULSE OF ANKARA" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "717TH AIR BASE SQUADRON" 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 red, white and blue disc and star symbolize the United States. The double-headed eagle alludes to Turkey and symbolizes the world-class support the unit provides to the entire American Community in the Ankara area, including the diverse military community and the U.S. Embassy.

### MOTTO

### OPERATIONS

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