

# 916 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

916 Services Flight constituted, 4 Sep 2002

Activated, 1 Oct 2002

Redesignated 916 Force Support Squadron, 15 Oct 2010

## STATIONS

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 1 Oct 2002

## ASSIGNMENTS

916 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002

## COMMANDERS

Maj Dustin J. Pawlak

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

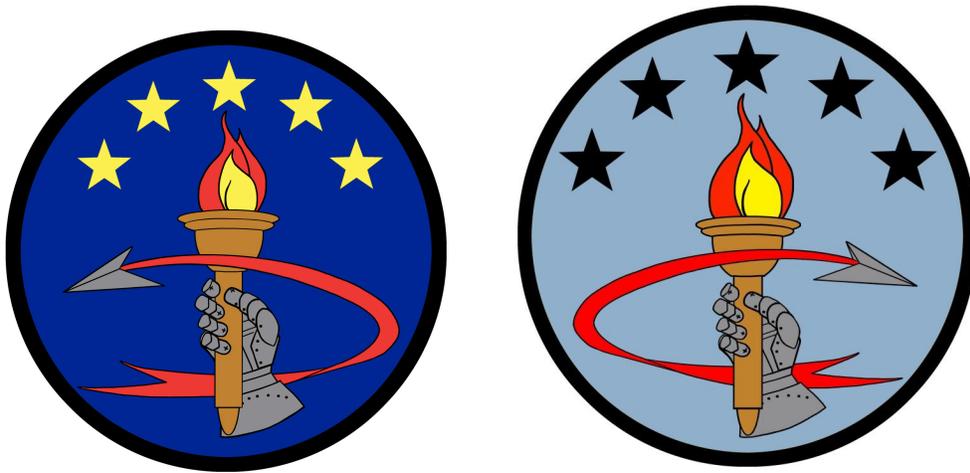
## Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

10 Oct 2004-11 Oct 2006

1 Aug 2007-31 Jul 2009

## EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, beneath in chief five mullets arched Or, a gauntlet Proper, detailed Sable, grasping a torch Brün, enflamed Gules and of the second, environed by a stylized aircraft Silver Gray, contrail of the fifth, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "STRENGTH IN UNITY" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "916TH FORCE SUPPORT SQ" in Black 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 motto, "Strength in Unity," embodies the nature of the Squadron. With the incorporation of the 916th Communications Squadron, 916th Services Squadron and the 916th Military Personnel Flight, this unit personifies the "Out of Many, One" attitude. The blue background represents devotion, specifically to the unit's customers and customer service. The torch represents the unit's unmatched capacity for being a beacon of excellence, lighting the way for wartime readiness and peacetime preparedness. The gauntlet stands for humanity and wisdom. The flames signify devotion, intelligence and awareness. The five stars represent flights and the knowledge and sophistication of each member of the flight. The plane signifies global readiness. (Approved, 26 Sep 2013)

Unofficial emblem significance provided by squadron: The motto, "Strength in Unity", embodies the nature of the 916th Force Support Squadron. With the incorporation of the 916<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, 916th Services Squadron, and 916th Military Personnel Flight, the 916th Force Supports Squadron personifies the 'Out of Many, One' attitude. The emblem is simple by design, but meaningful. The emblem consists of three distinctive elements, each symbolizing a specific aspect of the Squadron. The emblem consists of a brown torch ablaze with an Air Force Yellow flame being held up by a silver gauntlet, five yellow stars, and a silver plane with red contrails emblazed upon an Air Force blue background. The Air Force blue field represents devotion, specifically to our customers and customer service. The brown torch held by the silver gauntlet represents the 916th Force Support Squadron's unmatched capacity of

being a beacon of excellence; lighting the way for wartime readiness and peacetime preparedness. Specifically, the brown in the torch represents dignity and goodness, the silver in the gauntlet stands for humanity and wisdom, while the red flames signify devotion and the yellow, intelligence and awareness. While the 916 FSS is, as a whole, the epitome of quality, it is the combination each individual Flight that give the Squadron its superiority. These Flights are represented by the five symbolic stars. The stars are yellow to represent the knowledge and sophistication of each member of each Flight. As is the nature of the United States Air Force, members serving in the 916th Air Refueling Wing are frequently deployed or stationed away from their home station. It is the duty of the 916th Force Support Squadron to prepare and ready warfighters before sending them off. The plane represents that global readiness. The red represents the same wisdom as the flames.

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

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