

## 1 AIR BASE OPERABILITY SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 1 Air Base Operability Squadron mission was to ensure that Langley AFB, VA could operate under the worst of circumstances including natural disasters, nuclear attack, biological attack or chemical attack. The squadron consisted of the following sections: Disaster Preparedness Division, Air Field Management, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal

### LINEAGE

1 Station Complement Squadron constituted, 5 Apr 1943

Activated, 10 Apr 1943

Disbanded, 15 Apr 1945

Reconstituted, redesignated 1 Air Base Operability Squadron, and activated, 15 Aug 1988

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1991

### STATIONS

Jacksonville, Florida, 10 Apr 1943

Camp Kilmer, New Jersey 27-31 May 1943

Bassingbourne, England, 8 Jun 1943-15 Apr 1945

Langley AFB, Virginia, 15 Aug 1988-1 Oct 1991

### ASSIGNMENTS

Third Air Force, 10 Apr 1943

VIII Bomber Command, 8 Jun 1943

1 Bombardment (later, 1 Air) Division, Sep 1943-15 Apr 1945

1 Combat Support Group, 15 Aug 1988-1 Oct 1991

### COMMANDERS

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

WWII: EAME Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation

Germany, 11 Jan 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 May 1990-30 Sep 1991

### **EMBLEM**

1 Station Complement Squadron Insignia depicts flying control, utilities, communications, and chemical warfare departments which comprise this organization on a predominant color background of red, white and blue. Incidental colors have no significance but merely set off feature of the insignia. Hand upholding B-17 symbolizes organization service and support to the heavy bombers.

1 Air Base Operability Squadron emblem approved, 18 Jan 1990

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

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