

## 37 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

Members of the 37 MSS, the largest MSS in the Air Force, provide personnel, comprehensive family wellness and support, community readiness, NCO leadership development, and educational services for over 15,000 military and 4,000 civilian personnel and their dependents as well as retirees and their families. The squadron provides guidance and support on personnel and manpower programs to senior leadership through innovative creation, interpretation, and maintenance of policies, procedures and programs.

### LINEAGE

Air Base Squadron, 38 Air Base Group constituted, 20 Aug 1940  
Activated, 25 Aug 1940  
Redesignated 37 Air Base Squadron, 17 Jan 1941  
Redesignated 37 Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, 13 Jun 1942  
Disbanded, 1 Mar 1944  
Reconstituted, redesignated 37 Air Base Squadron and activated, 7 Jul 1963  
Organized, 8 Jul 1963  
Discontinued and inactivated, 8 Jan 1965  
Activated, 1 Nov 1971  
Inactivated, 15 Nov 1974  
Redesignated 37 Mission Support Squadron and activated, 1 Jul 1993  
Redesignated 37 Force Support Squadron, 16 Jul 2009

### STATIONS

Barksdale Fld, LA, 25 Aug 1940  
New Orleans AAB, LA, 25 Apr 1941 1 Mar 1944  
Nha Trang Airport, South Vietnam, 8 Jul 1963 8 Jan 1965  
Fuchu AS, Japan, 1 Nov 1971 15 Nov 1974

Lackland AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1993

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

38 Air Base Group, 20 Aug 1940  
3 Air Force Base Command, 6 Nov 1941  
3 Air Force, 5 Jun 1942  
Air Service Command, 15 Jul 1942-1 Mar 1944  
33 Tactical Group, 8 Jul 1963-8 Jan 1965  
475 Air Base Wing, 1 Nov 1971-15 Nov 1974  
37 Support (later 37 Mission Support) Group, 1 Jul 1993

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

World War II  
American Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Vietnam Advisory, 1961-1965

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
1 Apr 1973-15 Nov 1974  
1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1994  
1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996  
1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998  
1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2002  
1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2003  
1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2004  
1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2007

### **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, an open parchment scroll Argent, surmounted by a torch Tenné enflamed Proper (Scarlet and Yellow), between eight mullets, four arched in pale to dexter and as many arched in pale to sinister Or, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "UNIVERSAL SUPPORT" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "37TH MISSION SUPPORT SQ" in Yellow 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 stars are representative of the

eight virtues the unit possesses in providing personnel support. The torch is symbolic of training, which is the main function of the unit since its inception. The scroll represents the written promise to provide universal support to the Air Force and its organizations, its populace and the surrounding community (Approved, 21 Feb 2002)

**MOTTO**

UNIVERSAL SUPPORT

**OPERATIONS**

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