

315th MISSION SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 315th Mission Support Squadron mission is "to train reservists and provide top quality service to all personnel, civilian and military, in fulfilling the wing mission."

The major responsibilities of the 315 MSS are to provide customer service support for 315th Airlift Wing members and their families. This includes Customer Service Identification Cards, mobilizations for the wing, computer support, coordination of all promotions, medals, awards, processing of all new members into the wing, testing for all PME and CDC development courses, coordination of all upgrades and training requirements and the processing of all non-prior service members through Basic Military Training and initial technical schools.

The Customer Service section issued 4,226 ID cards. There were 7,690 DEERS total transactions for additions, address updates, certificate updates, changes, finger overrides and pin changes. Out of the total 7,690, there were 1,427 pin changes and 933 certificate updates. This was due to the mandatory use of the common access card.

The wing training office's support to wing members led to a career development course passing rate above 96%, with less than 1% exceeding time limits. Wing training also processed 524 skill level upgrades.

Unit size: 2 Officers, 77 Enlisted and 10 Civilians

LINEAGE

315th Station Complement Squadron constituted, 2 Nov 1943

Activated, 5 Dec 1943

Disbanded, 25 Apr 1945

Reconstituted, redesignated 315th Mission Support Squadron and activated in the reserve, 1 Aug 1992

STATIONS

Matching, England, 5 Dec 1943

Chipping Ongar, England, 30 Jan 1944

Marks Hall, England, 3 Apr 1944

Upottery, England, 27 Apr 1944

Prosnes, France, 21 Nov 1944

Achiet, France, 10 Jan 1945

Chartres, France, 14 Mar 1945

Achiet, France, 15-25 Apr 1945

Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Aug 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj Kenneth Lute

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Rhineland 1944-1945

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995

EMBLEM

On a disc Celeste, a pair of gauntlets pilewise appaumé fingers to base Buff supporting a terrestrial globe Argent landmasses Azure all below a silhouette profile of an aircraft Sable, all within a diminished border Or. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "315TH MISSION SUPPORT SQ" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "SUPPORT IS IN OUR HANDS" 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 armored hands, denoting the unit's combat-ready personnel, support a globe representing the Squadron's help in sustaining the world-wide strategic airlift mission of its parent wing.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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