

403 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

403 Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron constituted, 6 Aug 1942
Activated , 12 Aug 1942
Disbanded, 30 Apr 1944
Reconstituted and redesignated 403 Combat Support Squadron, 7 Feb 1977
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Mar 1977
Inactivated, 1 Nov 1983
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Nov 1983
Redesignated 403 Mission Support Squadron, 1 Feb 1992
Redesignated 403 Mission Support Flight, 1 Sep 2003
Redesignated 403 Force Support Squadron, 15 Oct 2010

STATIONS

Luke Fld, AZ, 12 Aug 1942
Yuma Fld, AZ, 11 Sep 1942-30 Apr 1944
Selfridge ANG Base, MI, 1 Mar 1977-1 Nov 1983
Keesler AFB, MS, 1 Nov 1983

ASSIGNMENTS

West Coast Army Air Forces Training Center (later, Army Air Forces West Coast Training Center; Army Air Forces Western Flying Training Command), 12 Aug 1942-30 Apr 1944
403 Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Mar 1977-1 Nov 1983
403 Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance (later, 403 Tactical Airlift; 403 Airlift) Wing, 1 Nov 1983

403 Support (later, 403 Mission Support) Group, 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

Maj Tony Sloan, 6 Dec 1997
Lt Col Gary Flynn, 1 Nov 2000
Capt Robert Poncet, 1 Jun 2002
Lt Col Ally Chauvin
Lt Col Luquita Chambers, Feb 2021
Lt Col Costau Bastien, 14 Jun 2021

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Jul 1977-31 Dec 1978
1 Jul 1984-30 Jun 1986
1 May 1992-30 Apr 1994
1 May 1994-30 Apr 1996
1 May 1996-31 Aug 1997
1 Jan 2004-31 Dec 2005

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, two stylized hands Gules in base supporting a sphere of the field, gridlined Argent environed by a contrail Sable terminating in a delta of the second point to dexter, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "TO SERVE AND SUSTAIN" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "403D 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. A pair of hands holding a globe signifies the global support provided by the Force Support Squadron. The delta and contrail represent the continuous cycle between home station and deployments. All the elements combined convey the merging of personnel and services and the all-encompassing reach of the Squadron. (Approved, 14 Mar 2016)

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OPERATIONS

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Sources

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