

419 OPERATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

419 Operations Support Squadron constituted and activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1992
Redesignated 419 Operations Support Flight, 1 Oct 1992
Redesignated 419 Operations Support Squadron, 6 Mar 2020

STATIONS

Hill AFB, UT, 1 Aug 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

419 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Patrick Wade, Aug 2006-Jan 2008
Lt Col Erik J. Fiederer

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Apr 1994-31 Mar 1996
1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2007
1 Oct 2011-30 Sep 2013

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On a disc Azure, four lightning bolts, two arched to dexter and two arched to sinister Or, overall a demi-mound issuant from base Brün struck by Mjölñir, head and grip Argent, handle of the third; all within a narrow Yellow border. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “419 OSS” in Yellow letters. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “THUNDER” 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. Mjölñir, Thor’s hammer, striking the ground illustrates the resounding impact or ‘thunder’ of the unit. The four lightning bolts symbolize the F-35A Lightning II, an aircraft the unit operates to support four fighter squadrons. In addition, the lightning bolts highlight the Squadron’s partnership with its sister unit, the 388th Operations Support Squadron, whose motto is “LIGHTNING.”

There are two elements in this design. The first element (hammer striking the ground) represents the “thunder” or resounding impact of the 419 OSS. The second element (lightning bolts) represents the F-35A Lightning II, the four fighter squadrons this unit supports and the partnership with our active duty sister unit, the 388th Operations Support Squadron whose motto is “Lightning”. There are five colors in this design. Air Force yellow signifies the strive for excellence, high values and honor instilled in members of the 419 OSS. Black signifies the determination, might and sophistication the 419 OSS displays as a collective organization. Ultramarine blue signifies constant devotion and loyalty of 419 OSS members to support the flying mission throughout calm or stormy seas. Gray and brown signify that while 419 OSS members are proud of what they represent and can accomplish, they are able to practice humility and maintain a down-to-earth or grass-roots mentality.

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Sources

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