

## 422 AIR BASE SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 422 Air Base Squadron provides world-class agile combat support and quality of life initiatives for its US personnel, their families and UK personnel within the 422 Air Base Group and the larger community. Additionally, Blenheim Crescent is home to U.S. and Canadian tenant organizations as well as a support element providing administration assistance to eligible members in the Greater London Area.

### LINEAGE

422 Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron (Reduced) constituted, 20 Sep 1942

Activated, 1 Oct 1942

Disbanded, 1 May 1944

Reconstituted, redesignated 422 Air Base Squadron and activated, 1 Aug 1996

### STATIONS

Langley Field, VA, 1 Oct 1942

Boca Chica Apt, FL, 4 Jan 1943

Venice AAFld, FL, 7 May 1943-1 May 1944

RAF Croughton, England, 1 Aug 1996

### ASSIGNMENTS

Eastern Defense Command, 1 Oct 1942

Warner Robins Air Depot Area Command, 15 Jan 1943 – 1 May 1944

100 Air Refueling Wing, 1 Aug 1996

420 Air Base Group, 14 Feb 2004

422 Air Base Group, 12 May 2006

### COMMANDERS

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Stewart, 7 Oct 42

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Vallon, 8 Oct 42  
Capt Leonard W. Hadley, 9 Oct 42  
Unk, 1996  
Lt Col David B. Frye, Jul 2003  
Lt Col James P. Ryan, 12 May 2005  
Lt Col Richard C. Miller, 18 Jun 2007  
Lt Col Lea T. Kirkwood, 1 Aug 200

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II: American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
[1 Aug 1996] – 31 Jul 1997  
24 Mar 1999 – 10 Jun 1999  
11 June 1999 – 10 Jun 2001  
1 Jun 2003 – 31 May 2004  
1 Jun 2004 – 1 Apr 2005  
1 Jan 2006 – 31 Dec 2007

## **EMBLEM**



On a disc Azure, a representation of a globe gridlined Or, surmounted by a lightning bolt of the second from middle chief to nornbril point charged with a castle Silver Gray, all within a narrow bordure Or. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "COMMITMENT UNITY TEAMWORK" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged

with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "422D AIR BASE 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 globe stands for world class service and the focus of keeping personnel "ready to deploy" worldwide. The castle depicts the scope of the unit's activities throughout the base, keeping personnel "ready at home." Finally, the lightning bolt symbolizes the quick, efficient and energetic customer service provided by unit members. All elements express the motto, "Commitment, Unity, Teamwork." (Approved, 17 Jan 2006)

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

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### Sources

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