

426 AIR BASE SQUADRON



MISSION

The 426 Air Base Squadron at the Jåttå Military Compound in Stavanger, Norway serves as the U.S. National Support Element for the NATO Joint Warfare Centre; 17 unique functional specialties deliver base-level support to approximately 260 U.S. military and civilian personnel and dependents. Additionally, the 426 ABS facilitates common user logistics and is the DoD's single service claims authority for the Kingdom of Norway. The 426 ABS coordinates the movement of and provides customs and agriculture clearance for DoD cargo transiting Norway. Finally, the 426 ABS provides legal support to the DoD Senior National Country Representatives in Norway and Denmark.

LINEAGE

426 Air Service Group established, 22 Nov 1944
Activated, 15 Apr 1945
Disbanded, 1 Sep 1945
Reconstituted and redesignated 426 Air Base Squadron, 27 May 1994
Activated, 1 Jul 1994

STATIONS

Chelveston, England, 15 Apr-24 Jun 1945
Drew Field, FL, 3 Jul-1 Sep 1945
Sola Air Base, Stavanger, Norway, 1 Jul 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

423 Air Base Group

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Kenneth R. Burton, Jun 2014

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II

European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, on an unfurled parchment bendwise Or, three swords palewise in fess Argent garnished Sable surmounted by an eagle in dexter stooping Proper in sinister overall a polestar of the second counterchanged per cross of the third, all within a diminished border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "426TH AIR BASE SQUADRON" 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 eagle depicts the air power of the Air Force. The scroll denotes the Squadron's administrative support to United States forces assigned to NATO, which is symbolized by the star. The three swords represent the three mediums of United States force support--air, land and sea.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE UNIT HISTORIES

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