

## 437 LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

437 Supply Squadron, Troop Carrier, Medium constituted, 10 May 1949  
Activated in the Reserve, 27 June 1949  
Redesignated 437th Supply Squadron, 1 March 1950  
Ordered to Active Service, 10 August 1950  
Relieved from Active Duty and inactivated, 10 June 1952  
Activated in the Reserve, 15 Jun 1952  
Inactivated, 16 Nov 1957  
Activated, 27 Dec 1965  
Organized, 8 Jan 1966  
Redesignated 437 Logistics Readiness Squadron, 1 Oct 2002

### STATIONS

Chicago-Orchard (later, O'Hare Field-Chicago International) Airport, IL: 27 Jun 1949 – 14 Aug 1950  
Shaw AFB, SC 14 Aug – 16 Oct 1950  
Brady Field, Japan, 8 Nov 1950 – 10 Jun 1952  
O'Hare International Airport, IL, 15 Jun 1952 – 16 Nov 1957  
Charleston AFB, SC, 8 Jan 1966

### ASSIGNMENTS

437 Maintenance and Supply Group, 27 Jun 1949 – 10 Jun 1952; 15 Jun 1952 – 16 Nov 1957  
Military Air Transport Service, 27 Dec 1965 – 8 Jan 1966  
437 Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1966 – 1 Oct 1991  
437 Logistics Group, 1 Oct 1991 – 1 Oct 2002

437 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj David L. Dinning

Maj Rita H. Torner, 2 Jun 1993

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor

11 Sep 2001 – 30 Jun 2003

### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

11 Jul 1966 – 10 Jul 1967

11 Jul 1967 – 10 Jun 1968

11 Jul 1968 – 12 Jun 1969

13 Jun 1969 – 12 Jun 1970

1 Jul 1972 – 30 Jun 1973

1 Jul 1982 – 30 Jun 1984

1 Jun 1984 – 30 Jun 1986

1 Jul 1988 – 30 Jun 1989

1 Jul 1989 – 30 Jun 1990

21 Sep – 31 Oct 1989

1 Jul 1993 – 30 Jun 1995

1 Jul 1995 – 30 Jun 1997

1 Jul 1997 – 30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 1998 – 30 Jun 2000

### **Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation**

1 Jul 1951 – [10 Jun 1952]

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, a three-headed dog Proper, collared Sable, spiked Argent, armed of the like, grasping with dexter paw, a globe, of the first landmasses Vert, encompassing both olive branches of the fourth, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "UNITY STRENGTH COMMITMENT" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "437 LRS" 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. The three headed Cerberus represents the three directions that the unit strives for, that of strength, dedication and devotion to duty to accomplish its mission. The globe symbolizes the extensive range of the logistical support mission and capability. The olive branch encompassing represents the peace aerospace forces provided through professional logistic services. (Approved on 12 April 2005, replaced emblem approved on 27 September 1966)

## **MOTTO**

Unity Strength Commitment

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 437th Supply Squadron was activated on 27 June 1949 as part of the 437th Maintenance and Supply Group, stationed at Chicago-Orchard Airport, Illinois. On 14 August 1950, it moved to Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, to stage its participation in the Korean War. On 8 November 1950, the Group arrived for duty at Brady Field, Japan. It departed the theater on 10 June 1952, after award of the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and returned to O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

The squadron remained part of the 437th Maintenance and Supply Group until 16 November 1957, where they fell silent for just over 8 years. On 8 January 1966, the unit became a separate entity, the 437th Supply Squadron, assigned to the 437th Military Airlift Wing at Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina. During the course of the Vietnam War, the unit received five Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards.

Since the end of that conflict, the 437th Supply Squadron has been awarded five subsequent Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards for its role in support of the invasion of Grenada (URGENT FURY), the invasion of Panama (JUST CAUSE), the defense of Saudi Arabia (DESERT SHIELD), and the liberation of Kuwait (DESERT STORM). Additionally, the squadron played an important role in humanitarian missions, including the recovery efforts after Hurricanes Hugo and Andrew, the Rwandan relief effort, and the search and recovery operations in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Most recently, the squadron played a key role in support of Allied Force, NATO's response to the crisis in Kosovo. On 1 October 1991, the 437th Supply Squadron was reorganized under the 437th Logistics Group.

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