

442 MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

442 Logistics Support Squadron constituted and activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1992

Redesignated 442 Maintenance Operations Squadron

Redesignated 442 Maintenance Operations Flight

STATIONS

Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO, 1 Aug 1992

Whiteman AFB, MO, 1 Apr 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

442 Maintenance Group, 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 1997-31 Aug 1999

EMBLEM



On a disc Celeste, in front of and above a globe issuant from base Azure, gridlined and edged Argent, an American bald eagle stooping proper, within three mullets arced in chief Or, all within a narrow border Black. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "442D LOGISTICS 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. The eagle represents the Air Force's flight mission, and the sphere alludes to the global scope of logistics support. The three yellow stars symbolize the goals and achievements of the unit. (Approved, 29 May 2002)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Members from 442nd Logistics Support Squadron Supply and Fuels branches competed in the "Emerald Coast Fuels/Supply Rodeo" at Eglin AFB, Fla., at the end of October. The 442nd group was one of 36 teams representing active duty, reserve and guard units worldwide, with teams traveling from as far away as Germany and Japan to compete. The wing's Supply and Fuels teams earned the right to compete in the Air Force-wide Rodeo when they finished in the top six at the Air Force Reserve Rodeo two years ago. The 442nd teams competed in nine events including battlefield, tractor-trailer, fuels truck figure eight, pallet buildup and M-16. "It may seem like we are playing games on the surface, but our dedication and level of performance is shown through teamwork and pride," Master Sgt. Joseph Kaiser, Supply said. "Competing causes us to do our very best, not only in competition but in our everyday jobs." The 442nd teams finished 19th overall with Dyess AFB, Texas, an active-duty unit, finishing first. "As a reserve team that doesn't get the chance to do these kinds of events on a daily basis, we did an awesome job," Master Sgt. Gerri Higgins, Supply team captain, said. "I am so proud of our teams and feel privileged to be a part of them." Higgins was instrumental in the planning and training of both teams as they prepared for the competition over the recent months. Master Sgt. Jeff Hamby, Fuels team captain agreed. "Understanding what little time this newly formed team had to prepare as one unit, finishing in the middle of the pack of 36 teams from all over the world shows how serious and dedicated they are," he said. "They exceeded all my expectations by breaking prior Whiteman reserve teams' best times and performances in each event." "(Each team) represented

the 442nd in an absolutely superb manner.” Col. John Hansen, 442nd Logistics Group commander said after the competition. “Their performance these past few days leaves absolutely no question in my mind...they are mission ready! Anytime, anyplace. They were awesome.” “We may not have brought home the big trophy, but we did bring home something to be proud of. The pride of belonging to the most dedicated family in the Air Force Reserves, the 442nd Fighter Wing,” Higgins commented as the team landed back home at Whiteman AFB. The Rodeo was created in 1987 as a “Fuels” only event by Chief Master Sgt. John Westra. “Supply” events were added in 1988 and 1996 was the first Air Force wide Rodeo. Future events will include the new logistics readiness squadron model, adding transportation specific events. 2002

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