

455th EXPEDITIONARY FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

455th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron constituted, 6 Oct 1942

Activated, 17 Oct 1942

Disbanded, 30 Apr 1944

Reconstituted, redesignated 455th Expeditionary Support Squadron and converted to provisional status, 4 Dec 2001

Redesignated 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Squadron, 15 Mar 2005

Redesignated 455th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, 1 May 2008

STATIONS

South Plains AFS, TX, 17 Oct 1942

Dodge City, KS, 12 Jan 1943-30 Apr 1944

ASSIGNMENTS

Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training Center, 17 Oct 1942-30 Apr 1944

Air Combat Command to activate and inactivate at any time after 4 Dec 2001

COMMANDERS



Maj Harold O. Highley (USAAF photo)

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

On a disc Or, a mountain range Silver Gray of three peaks capped Argent, surmounted by a vulture fesswise Sable, tipped of the third, in base a globe Azure and of the third, grid lines counterchanged, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "455TH EXP FORCE SUPPORT SQ" in Blue 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 vulture represents the Squadron members while the mountains signify the resolve with which the unit carries out its mission. The globe portrays the diverse groups of customers drawing sustenance from the unit as it performs its mission.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Officials from the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing and Army and Air Force Exchange Service ceremoniously opened a new morale, welfare, and recreation facility at Bagram Airfield,

Afghanistan. The MWR, christened on April 1, sits at the site of the base's old passenger terminal, which is across the street from the current terminal. It features a Pizza Hut, Subway sandwich shop, Green Bean Coffee shop, a Non-Appropriated Funds store, wireless Internet, and other comforts. "We created an environment where all the airmen, soldiers, sailors, marines, coalition partners, civilians, contractors, and other transient personnel can come and relax while they are awaiting their final destination, wherever that may be," said Lt. Col. Katrina Stephens, commander of Bagram's 455th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron. 2012

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