

459 OPERATIONS SUPPORT FLIGHT



MISSION

LINEAGE

459 Operations Support Squadron constituted and activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1992

Redesignated 459 Operations Support Flight, 1 Oct 1992

Redesignated 459 Operations Support Squadron, 30 Sep 2013

STATIONS

Andrews AFB, MD, 1 Aug 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

459 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Gary P. Martindell

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1993-30 Sep 1995

1 May 2002-30 Apr 2004

1 Jan 2005-31 Dec 2006

EMBLEM

Per fess Azure and chequy Sable & Or, issuant from sinister chief an arm in armor gauntleted Argent (Silver Gray) detailed Sable, grasping five lightning bolts, three and two, Gules. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "DUCTI AMORE PATRIAE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "459TH OPERATIONS SUPPORT 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 gauntlet with a fistful of fiery lightning bolts represents the five units of the Squadron operating with control, speed and tenacity. The armored arm symbolizes the aerial refueling aircraft that the unit employs to support the Air Force District of Washington. The checkerboard pattern is displayed on the 459th Air Refueling Wing aircraft serviced by the Squadron. The Latin motto translates to "Led by Love of Country." (Approved, 3 Jun 2015)

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