

655 AIR EXPEDITIONARY SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

655 Air Expeditionary Squadron

STATIONS

Forward Operating Base, Sharana, Afghanistan

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, a snow leopard springing forward attacking claws extended for perspective affronté Proper, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "FORTES FORTUNA ADJUVAT" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "655TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY 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 snow leopard signifies the aggressiveness of the unit personnel when attacked or threatened.

MOTTO

FORTES FORTUNA ADJUVAT--Fortune Favors the Brave

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

5/7/2009 - BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan (AFNS) Bagram Airfield officials have added four new squadrons to their growing list of units during an assumption of command ceremony here May 5. More than 1,200 joint expeditionary tasking and provincial reconstruction team Airmen deployed to more than 40 forward operating bases and camps throughout Afghanistan will now be assigned to 655th, 755th, 855th or 955th Air Expeditionary Squadrons under the 755th Air Expeditionary Group. "As our mission roles have increased, it became obvious we needed to reorganize the 755th AEG," said Col. James Reed, the 755th AEG commander, before unfurling the new unit guidons. "These squadrons will be instrumental in taking care of our Airmen working side by side with the Army, coalition forces and the Afghan people fighting terrorism in Afghanistan." Colonel Reed said the leadership, management and expertise of the new squadron commanders and staff will provide greater accountability, administrative control and support for Airmen. The four squadrons coincide with International Security Assistance Force's regions of responsibility and provide support for Airmen in more than 130 different Air Force specialty codes.

The 655th AES located at Forward Operating Base Sharana and will oversee more than 200 Airmen at more than 20 locations within Regional Command East.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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