

717 EXPEDITONARY AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

717 Air Support Operations Squadron constituted, 27 May 1994

Activated, 1 Jul 1994

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1996

Redesignated 717 Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron, and converted to provisional status, 12 Feb 2009

STATIONS

Bad Kreuznach, Germany, 1 Jul 1994-30 Sep 1996

ASSIGNMENTS

617 Air Support Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994

Third Air Force, 1 Aug-30 Sep 1996

Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time on or after 12 Feb 2009

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

[1 Jul 1994]-31 Aug 1995

EMBLEM



717 Air Support Operations Squadron emblem

717 Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron emblem: On a disc per fess Azure and Vert, a barrulet Gules, overall a tank track Sable, surmounted by a sword bendwise Argent, in saltire with a lightning flash Or, supporting an eagle displayed of the fourth; all within a narrow Red border. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "AIR POWER" in Red letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "717TH EXP AIR SUPPORT OPS SQ" in Red 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, lightning bolt, and sword represent the unit's mission of fast-striking air power as it provides close air support to ground forces as symbolized by the tank track. The motto, "AIR POWER," suggests the Squadron's ability to put bombs on enemy armor. (Approved, 24 Aug 1995)

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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