

## 857 COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

57 Air Base Group (Special) established, 6 Aug 1941

Activated, 1 Aug 1941

Redesignated 57 Service Group, 13 Jun 1942

Redesignated 57 Air Service Group, 15 Apr 1944

Inactivated, 30 Jun 1946

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948.

Reestablished and redesignated 857 Combat Support Group, 1 Jun 1988

Activated, 22 Jun 1988

### STATIONS

Cochran AAF, GA, 1 Aug 1941

Shaw AAF, SC, Oct 1941

Columbia AAF, SC, 6 Oct 1942

Dale Mabry AAF, FL, 11 Nov 1942

Avon Park Bombing and Gunnery Range, FL, 20 May 1943

Lakeland AAFld, FL, 17 Jun 1943

Camp Stoneman, CA, 11-28 Jan 1944

Kahuku AAF, Territory of Hawaii, 5 Feb 1944

Bellows AAF, Territory of Hawaii, 12 Jun-21 Aug 1944

Agana AAF, Guam, 22 Sep 1944-13 Jun 1945

Yontan AAF, Okinawa, 2 Jul 1945-30 Jun 1946

Minot AFB, ND

### ASSIGNMENTS

III Air Service Area Command, 1 Aug 1941

VII Air Force Service Command, 5 Feb 1944  
VII Air Service Area Command, 14 Aug 1944  
VII Bomber Command, 1 Dec 1944  
Eighth Air Force, 1 Jan 1946  
301 Fighter Wing, 15 May-30 Jun 1946  
57 Air Division, 22 Jun 1988

### **COMMANDERS**

Maj Burton M. Hovey Jr, Oct 1941  
Maj Charles S. Seamans, Jul 1942  
Maj Joseph N. Garton,, Nov 1942  
LTC William C. Canby, 8 Jul 1943  
Col A. J. McVea, May 1945  
LTC John Cheatwood, 19 Sep 1945  
Maj Gwynne S. Curtis Jr, 25 Oct 1945  
Col Murray A. Bywater, 20 Dec 1945-unkn

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

American Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Western Pacific  
Ryukyus

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**



57 Service Group emblem

857<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Group emblem: Per fess inverted or and azure a dragon rampant similarly counterchanged incensed proper, holding in its claws a spear erect of the last. **SIGNIFICANCE.** Ultramarine blue and golden yellow are the colors of the USAF. The dragon represents the cunning and endurance of the organization in the performance of its duties, and the spear is symbolic of service, while the flames issuing from the dragon's mouth are representative of the zeal with which the personnel of the organization perform their allotted tasks. I do, not boast. (Approved, 1 Mar 1943)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Hq and Base Services Squadron

385 Aviation Squadron

613 Service Squadron/Air Engineering Squadron

614 Service Squadron

619 Air Materiel Squadron

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### Sources

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