

4 MISSION SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

4 Base Service Squadron, Fighter, Jet, constituted, 14 Jun 1948

Activated, 1 Aug 1948

Inactivated, 17 Mar 1950

Disbanded, 9 Aug 1950

Reconstituted, redesignated 4 Mission Support Squadron and activated, 15 Aug 1988

STATIONS

Andrews AFB, MD, 1 Aug 1948

Langley AFB, VA, 26 Apr 1949-17 Mar 1950

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, 15 Aug 1988

ASSIGNMENTS

4 Air Base Group, 1 Aug 1948-17 Mar 1950

4 Combat Support (later, 4th Support) Group, 15 Aug 1988

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1989-22 Apr 1991

23 Apr 1991-31 Mar 1993

1 Jun 1994-31 May 1996

EMBLEM

Blue and 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 three triangles conjoin at the center of the shield representing the culmination of compassion, knowledge and energy of the personnel of the Squadron in performing their duties. The owl symbolizes the alert and vigilant way the unit provides support and their ability to support nighttime contingencies. The owl grasps a lightning bolt and arrow reflecting the Squadron's support in keeping the United States militarily prepared. (Approved, 16 Jan 1992)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The units first major deployment tasking occurred in 1990. The initial phases of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield provided a proving ground for the unit. Following the Gulf War, personnel supported the on-going rotation to South West Asia. In the summer of 1996, the unit supported Operation Southern Watch.

The humanitarian relief efforts consisted of maintaining the lines of communication during and after several severe hurricanes. The most severe storms include Hurricane Hugo(1989), Andrew(1992), Bertha(1996), and Fran(1996). The unit managed the Unit Control Center (UCC) and the Survival Recovery Center (SRC) which operated for the sole purpose of maintaining base wide communication.

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