



United States Air Force **Lineage and Honors History**

859 Special Operations Squadron (AFRC)

Lineage. Constituted as 517 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 13 Oct 1942. Activated on 18 Oct 1942. Redesignated as: 12 Antisubmarine Squadron (Heavy) on 29 Nov 1942; 859 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 24 Sep 1943. Inactivated on 4 Oct 1945. Redesignated as 859 Special Operations Squadron on 4 Mar 2016. Activated on 1 Apr 2016.

Assignments. 377 Bombardment Group, 18 Oct 1942; 25 Antisubmarine Wing, 9 Dec 1942; 492 Bombardment Group, 23 Sep 1943-4 Oct 1945 (attached to 15 Special Group [Provisional], 17 Dec 1944-4 Oct 1945). 919 Special Operations Group, 1 Apr 2016-.

Stations. Atlantic City, NJ, 18 Oct 1942; Langley Field, VA, 12 Jan-18 Sep 1943; Blythe AAFld, CA, 24 Sep 1943; Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 9 Dec 1943-1 Jan 1944; North Pickenham, England, 1 Jan 1944; Harrington, England, 10 Aug-17 Dec 1944; Brindisi, Italy, 20 Sep 1944; Rosignano, Italy, 24 Mar 1945; Gioia del Colle, Italy, 20 May 1945; Bari, Italy, 20 Jul-4 Oct 1945. Eglin AF Auxiliary Fld #3 (Duke Field ABS), FL, 1 Apr 2016-.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* Antisubmarine, American Theater; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Northern France; Southern France; Rhineland; North Apennines; Central Europe; Po Valley; Air Combat, EAME Theater.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jan 2017-31 Dec 2018. French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 2 Oct 2023.

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Emblem. Approved on 13 Jul 2016.

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