



We present you the details around this special limited edition patch designed and manufactured especially for the operation "ODYSSEY DAWN". Only 115 copies have been produced and accompanied with a numbered and signed certificate. Click on read more to read more about the semiology of the schemes on it.



As read on the certificate this patch is a true collector's item crafted from high quality materials and design based on the abstract basis, with symbolic references. The logo was created to mark the arrival of NATO forces from France, Norway and Qatar to 115 Combat Wing, Souda Air Base, Greece within the operation "**Odyssey Dawn**".

The inspiration was a red-figured crater of the 5th century BC and tried to give the project all the basic features of the operation, making the logo original and unique.

The central theme of the logo was based on the name of the operation itself "ODYSSEY DAWN". The hemicycle and thin rays on the left are symbolizing the dawn. The ancient Greek trireme represents the common aim, the collectivity and the difficult and long journey of the operation, like the return journey of Odysseus.



A. Watching the birds flying in the sky, you see their shape (F and M) refer to the two acronyms of the name of the fighter aircraft Mirage 2000 and F-16 which operated during the first day of the operation from the base of Souda.

B. The four (4) ropes attached on the mast refer to the four cooperating countries (Greece, France, Norway and Qatar) with the name of the base appearing at the bottom of the label. The operation's name is written in the languages of all participating countries in alphabetical order.

C.Honoring the island of Crete where Souda AB lies as separators in the text of the three languages the Cretan double ax is used, a symbol of strength and justice in the ancient Minoan civilization.

D.The olive tree branches, symbol of peace, proclaim the role of operation, namely the protection of the people of Libya.

E.Besides the serial number of the patch after the letter "D" you can reread the date of the first day of the "Odyssey Dawn" operation.

F./G.After the initials of each country "FR", "NR"and "QR" the serial numbers of the aircraft of France, Norway and Qatar respectively that flew during that night.

The patch comes in just 115 copies, adding great Collective, Historic and Artistic value on it. It comes in a beautiful box together with the numbered autoographed certificate and with a second patch (plain without the number embroidered on it).

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