

## 315 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

The mission of the 315 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is to provide trained personnel to augment and support the 437th Airlift Wing in time of war or national emergency in addition to maintaining aircraft in support of US airlift requirements. Through continuous preparation, we are ready to protect national interest by safely generating reliable aircraft. We ensure personnel proficiency while preparing for ever-changing contingencies in order to augment active duty forces and sustain C-17A operations.

Active duty counterparts, Reserve and civilian Team Charleston members provide a majority of the total AMC airdrop capability. As the largest squadron in the Air Force Reserve Command, the 315 AMXS continues to exceed DoD maintenance unit standards by providing mission capable aircraft and superbly trained technicians for our nation's global airlift obligations. Unit size: 9 Officers; 431 Enlisted.

### LINEAGE

315 Organizational Maintenance Squadron constituted, 18 Jun 1976.

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jul 1976

Redesignated 315 Aircraft Generation Squadron, 1 Aug 1990

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### STATIONS

Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Jul 1976

### ASSIGNMENTS

315 Military (later, 315 Airlift) Wing, 1 Jul 1976

315 Logistics Group, 1 Aug 1992

315 Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993  
315 Logistics Group, 1 Apr 1995

### **COMMANDERS**

Maj James J. Bayone, Jr.  
Lt Col Robert W. McDaris, 5 Oct 08 - 9 Jul 2011  
Lt Col George M. Grubb, 10 Jul 2011

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

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

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
1 Jan 1982-31 Dec 1983  
1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1989  
1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1990  
21 Sep-31 Oct 1989  
1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995  
1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1997

### **EMBLEM**



315 Organizational Maintenance Squadron emblem: On a yellow disc a light blue "cut and spread" global map throughout with yellow gridlines bearing a gray open-end wrench bendwise, head up, crossed saltirewise by a blue aircraft silhouette, overall in base a white nova star all within a narrow yellow border. Attached above the disc a blank yellow scroll with yellow borders and below the disc

a like scroll inscribed "COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE" in blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The star and the aircraft are symbolic of the high quality of excellence in training of technicians and in maintenance of aircraft. The wrench alludes to tools required for maintenance. The globe represents the world, the theater of operations. (Approved, 13 Oct 1983)

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## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

In 2006, the 315 AMXS continued to outperform the competition. They received the Outstanding Non-flying Unit Award and had zero safety findings during the 2006 Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Program (LSEP) Inspection. One of the squadron members was recognized by the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce for his years of volunteer service to family, community and country.

C-17 airlift support is critical to the Global War on Terrorism and once again the 315 AMXS has delivered. Setting a new Charleston record of 15,396 missions, 151,283 passengers and 102,770 tons of cargo equating to 39% worldwide missions and 36% C-17 organic cargo! We proudly participated in the launching of a historic 100% on time 17 - ship formation - the largest C-17 launch from one base. They worked proudly with active duty to preserve our AMC history through the refurbishing of our static display C-47 and C-141 to their original paint scheme.

As an augmentation force, their prime focus is training. Through the persistent efforts of flight chiefs, section supervisors and training monitors we have maintained a better than 99 percent training currency, while providing thousands of mandays of support to the 437 MXG. They performed a flawless execution of a real-world disaster in August when they performed a hurricane evacuation (HUREVAC) of their assets in a mere 13 hours, moving them out of the path of Tropical Storm Ernesto. With a squadron of 450 members, they are focused to ensure their members are trained and ready, whenever and wherever they are called to serve. As reservists they are at Charleston AFB two days a month and 15 days per year, in order to remain proficient and to safely work on aircraft. They remain committed to training reservists to their utmost potential while continually exceeding the standard.

When the 437 AMXS Commander and Maintenance Operations Officer deployed, reservists stepped up and filled these positions seamlessly; another great utilization of resources! Over the last three years they have had approximately 110 reservists working here at Charleston each year in a support capacity, along side our active duty counterparts. Over the last year we have had a total of 105 reservists deployed for over 3,116 days.

Since the completion of the mini C-17, the Spirit of Hope, Liberty and Freedom, their members have relentlessly volunteered to cover its ever demanding schedule. They continually utilize this

recruiting tool at air shows, schools, parades and other community events. The "mini's" representation of the Air Force warranted it appearing at the Air Force Memorial dedication at the Pentagon. From the beginning the "mini" has been a highly visible, effective recruiting tool, making

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USAF Unit Histories

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#### Sources

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