432nd AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

The 432nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron provides remotely piloted aircraft, ground control stations, and satellite links in support of worldwide operations, USAF Weapons School, formal training units and operational test/evaluation customers. Maintenance expertise is provided by a mixture of contractor and military personnel ensuring worldwide operations are performed without interruption.

LINEAGE

432nd Organizational Maintenance Squadron constituted, 7 Jul 1972 Activated, 1 Aug 1972 Inactivated, 23 Dec 1975 Activated, 1 Jul 1976 Redesignated 432nd Aircraft Generation Squadron, 1 Aug 1977 Inactivated, 1 Apr 1979 Activated, 1 Oct 1984 Inactivated, 31 May 1991 Redesignated 432nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and activated, 1 May 2007

STATIONS

Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 1 Aug 1972-23 Dec 1975 Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 Jul 1976-1 Apr 1979 Misawa AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1984-31 May 1991 Creech AFB, NV, 1 May 2007

ASSIGNMENTS

432nd Tactical Reconnaissance (later, 432 Tactical Fighter) Wing, 1 Aug 1972-23 Dec 1975 432nd Tactical Drone Group, 1 Jul 1976-1 Apr 1979 432nd Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1984-31 May 1991 432nd Maintenance Group, 1 May 2007

COMMANDERS

HONORS Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations Presidential Unit Citation: Vietnam 1 Aug-22 Oct 1972

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device 18 Dec 1972-27 Jan 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award 1 Jan-31 May 1991

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm 1 Aug 1972-28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM

On a disc per pale Azure and Celeste, five piles counterchanged to the field, surmounted in chief by a propeller of three blades, one to base and two to chief Argent, issuant from base a demisphere Vert, fimbriated of the third, flamant Gules and Or, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "432D AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force 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 propeller symbolizes aerotechnic expertise. The orientation of the globe and propeller as separated yet aligned to each other denotes remote control of unmanned aircraft. The rays embody the transmitted signals that unify the unmanned aircraft system. The separation of the field symbolizes the night and day nature of unbroken support. The fire embodies the firepower of its armament. The demi-globe represents a world-wide mission.

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle Created: 28 May 2011 Updated:

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