# **434 MAINTENANCE SQUADRON**



#### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

434 Maintenance Squadron, Troop Carrier, Medium constituted and activated, Reserve 1 Jul 1949 Redesignated 434 Maintenance Squadron, 1 March 1950 Ordered to Active Service, 1 May 1951 Relieved from Active Duty, 15 Dec 1952 Inactivated, 1 Feb 1953 Activated in the Reserve, 1 Feb 1953 Redesignated 434 Field Maintenance Squadron, 8 Nov 1954 Inactivated, 14 Apr 1959

434 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron constituted, 5 Dec 1958 Activated in the Reserve, 14 Apr 1959 Ordered to Active Service, 28 Oct 1962 Relieved from Active Duty, 28 Nov 1962 Discontinued, and inactivated, 11 Feb 1963

434 Field Maintenance Squadron and 434 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron consolidated, 22 Oct 1984. Consolidated organization designated 434 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Dec 1986 Redesignated 434 Maintenance Squadron, 1 Feb 1992

# **STATIONS**

Atterbury AFB, TN, I July 1959 Lawson AFB, GA, 23 Jan 1952 – 1 Feb 1953 Atterbury (later Bakalar) AFB, IN, 1 Feb 1953 – 11 Feb 1963 Grissom AFB (later, ARB), IN, 1 Dec 1986

### ASSIGNMENTS

434 Maintenance and Supply Group, 1 July 1949 – 1 Feb 1953
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434 Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Apr 1959 – 11 Feb 1963
434 Tactical Fighter (later, 434 Air Refueling) Wing, 1 Dec 1986
434 Logistics Group (later, 434 Maintenance Group), 1 Aug 1992

#### COMMANDERS

Lt Col Gregory L. DeMaio

HONORS Service Streamers

**Campaign Streamers** 

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

#### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award 1 Sept 1988 – 31 August 1990 1 June 1992 – 31 August 1993 1 Sept 1994 – 31 August 1996 1 Oct 1998 – 30 Sept 2000 1 Oct 2000 – 30 Sept 2002

Air Force Meritorious Unit Award 1 Oct 2017 – 30 Sept 2019

#### EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, a stylized delta soaring fesswise to sinister issuing a contrail arching to base Gules, suppressed by a wrench fesswise Argent, above a demi-globe issuant from base voided and gridlined Sable, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "UNIT OF CHOICE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "434 MAINT 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 wrench represents the maintenance mission and professionalism. The stylized aircraft in flight symbolizes the flight mission of the unit. The gridlined demi-globe emphasizes the unit's worldwide mission support. (Approved, 13 Aug 2003)

# ΜΟΤΤΟ

# **OPERATIONS**

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