

1st SPECIAL OPERATIONS AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



LINEAGE

16th Mobile Reclamation & Repair Squadron constituted, 25 Oct 1943
Activated, 1 Nov 1943
Redesignated 16th Mobile Reclamation & Repair Squadron, Heavy, 17 Jul 1944
Inactivated, 21 Nov 1945
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948
Reconstituted and redesignated 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron, 31 Jul 1985
Activated, 1 Oct 1995
Redesignated 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 1 Oct 2002
Redesignated 1st Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 16 Nov 2006

STATIONS

Snetterton Heath, England, 1 Nov 1943
Wattisham, England, 31 Dec 1943
Hitcham, England, 1 May 1944-21 Nov 1945
Hurlburt Field, FL, 1 Oct 1995

ASSIGNMENTS

VIII Air Force Service Command, 1 Nov 1943
3rd Air Division, 12 Aug-21 Nov 1945
16th Logistics (later, 16th Maintenance; 1st Special Operations Maintenance) Group, 1 Oct 1995

ATTACHMENTS

VIII Air Technical Service Command [Provisional] 20 Jul-12 Aug 1945

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II

European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor

1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999

1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2005

1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003

1 Sep 2004-31 Aug 2006

EMBLEM

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 gear divided black and blue has sixteen teeth. It alludes to day and night support provided by the Squadron to its parent unit. The bow armed with a dagger reflects the combat readiness and precision with which the unit handles special operations assets. The dagger denotes the unit's heritage. The four arrows represent the combat support provided by the unit and also the four original aircraft maintenance units.

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OPERATIONS

The 1st Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron mission is to generate combat capability in the form of safe and reliable special mission aircraft. 1st Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is responsible for maintenance on all fixed wing aircraft located at Hurlburt Field to include the AC-130H and AC-130U, and the MC-130H, and C-130E.

The squadron performs on-equipment flight line tasks to include daily launch and recovery, pre- and post-flight serviceability inspections, systems troubleshooting, aircraft system repair and minor modifications. The squadron is organized into three aircraft maintenance units (4th, 15th, and 16th Aircraft Maintenance Units) and the squadron support staff.

The 4th Aircraft Maintenance Unit maintains the AC-130U and supports training and contingency requirements of the 4th and 19th Special Operations Squadrons. The 15th Aircraft Maintenance Unit maintains the MC-130H and supports the 15th Special Operations Squadron. The 16th Aircraft Maintenance Unit maintains the AC-130H and C-130E and supports the 6th and 16th Special Operations Squadrons.

The 1st Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron provides maintenance support at home station and while deployed anywhere around the world. Maintenance personnel consisting of crew chiefs with a complement of systems technicians, augmented by technicians from the 1st Special Operations Component Maintenance Squadron and 1st Special Operations Equipment Maintenance Squadron, normally accompany deployed aircraft.



Air Force Order of Battle

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