

1st SPECIAL OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



LINEAGE

16th Bomb Maintenance Squadron, Very Heavy constituted, 19 Nov 1943

Activated, 20 Nov 1943

Disbanded, 12 Oct 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 16th Maintenance Squadron, 23 Aug 1995

Activated, 15 Sep 1995

Redesignated 1st Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, 16 Nov 2006

STATIONS

Smokey Hill AAfld, KS, 20 Nov 1943-11 Feb 1944

Bombay, India, 2 Apr 1944

Kharagpur, India, 12 Apr-12 Oct 1944

Eglin AFB, FL, 15 Sep 1995

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II

Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/Valor

1 Jun 1997 - 31 May 1999

1 Jul 2003 - 30 Jun 2005

1 Jul 2006 - 30 Jun 2007

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

15 Sep 1995 - 31 May 1997

1 Jul 1999 - 30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2001 - 30 Jun 2003

1 Sep 2004-31 Aug 2006

EMBLEM

Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow signifies the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The owl, a night predator, reflects the unit's mission of supporting covert operation units. The shield denotes the Air Force mission of defending the peace. The wrench and dagger symbolize the interdependence between operations and maintenance.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 1st Special Operations Maintenance Squadron is located on Eglin Air Force Base and provides flight line, on-equipment and back shop support for the MC-130P. The squadron consists of more than 170 active-duty Airmen, and it is augmented by civilian contractors. Partnered with the 1st Special Operations Maintenance Squadron is the Air Force Reserve's 719th Maintenance Squadron. The 719th Maintenance Squadron augments the 1st Special Operations Maintenance Squadron with traditional reservists and a limited number of full time air reserve technicians.



Air Force Order of Battle

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