

43 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

43 Periodic Maintenance Squadron
Redesignated 43 Organizational Maintenance Squadron
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Inactivated,

STATIONS

Davis Monthan AFB, AZ, 16 Jun 1952-15 Mar 1960
Carswell AFB, TX, 15 Mar 1960-1 Sep 1964
Little Rock AFB, AR, 1 Sep 1964-31 Jan 1970
Andersen AFB, Guam, 1 Apr 1979
Pope AFB, NC

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Fairford, England, 18 Sep 1954-9 Dec 1954

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Lt Col R. Bolnick, #1964

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Sep 2011-31 Aug 2012

EMBLEM



43 Organizational Maintenance Squadron emblems

43 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron emblem: On a disc Azure, landmasses of North and South America displayed throughout Vert, overall an American bald eagle rising Proper, wings elevated and displayed grasping in its talons a wrench Sable, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "WORLDWIDE WORLD CLASS" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "43D AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQ" in Black 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 eagle symbolizes bravery, alertness and protection. The landmasses allude to hope and peace. The wrench represents aircraft maintenance.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 43 Airlift Group streamlined its unit structure by combining several previous squadrons into two, newly activated ones during a ceremony at Pope Field, N.C., July 1. The group stood up the 43 Air Mobility Squadron to replace the groups' inactivated aircraft maintenance and aerial port squadrons. Likewise, the 43 Air Base Squadron replaces Pope's previous logistics readiness and force support squadrons into a single unit. The move aligns the 1,200-strong 43 AG with a 27-percent manpower cut enacted as part of an Air Force-wide Fiscal 2015 force reduction. The

groups' C-130s will continue their assigned task supporting Joint Special Operations Command and Army airborne units at neighboring Ft. Bragg.

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