

# 9<sup>th</sup> MUNITIONS SQUADRON



## **LINEAGE**

9<sup>th</sup> Munitions Maintenance Squadron

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## **STATIONS**

RAF Fairford, England

Beale AFB, CA

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 9th Munitions Squadron administers the Air Force Combat Ammunition Center training program. This Air Force-level course was developed to provide the Air Force munitions community with advanced training in mass combat ammunition planning and production techniques. It uses a combination of in-depth classroom instruction combined with a four-day intensive practical exercise (IRON FLAG) using live munitions in a realistic, bare-base scenario.

Air Force Combat Ammunition Center offers three courses:

**Combat Ammunition Planning and Production Course:** a three-week course (two weeks of academics and one week of exercise) with a class size of 70 people in the grade of senior airman thru captain. This course awards five credit hours towards CCAF and is a 7- and 9-level upgrade training requirement for all 2W0 personnel. Currently eight classes per fiscal year are taught.

**Senior Officer Orientation Course:** a companion class to Combat Ammunition Planning and Production and is conducted during the IRON FLAG practical exercise. This course combines hands-on training (in conjunction with the Combat Ammunition Planning and Production course) with seminar sessions to provide senior logistics and operations officers (major and above/civilian equivalents) with an appreciation and practical knowledge of mass munitions build-up operations. Currently eight classes per fiscal year are taught.

**Advanced Maintenance/Munitions Officers School:** uses Air Force Combat Ammunition Center as the ideal means to teach its three-day munitions block of this four month class. This course combines hand-on training (in conjunction with the Combat Ammunition Planning and Production course) with seminar sessions and coursework to provide maintenance/logistics captains with the expertise in the application of expeditionary logistics as it applies to the Ammo career field. Two classes per fiscal year are taught.

This squadron also provides day-to-day munitions support to the 9th Reconnaissance Wing and associated units (i.e., CATM, U-2 CAD/PAD, EOD, etc.).

In 1984, a Tiger Team at the Pentagon level realized that there was a severe shortage of trained munitions personnel that were able to meet the requirements of operational readiness. From this realization came the decision to establish Air Force Combat Ammunition Center. Because of the need for extensive real estate, the initial site of AFCOMAC was located at Sierra Army Depot, located in Herlong, CA. In 1991, due to budget cuts, the Air Force made the decision to realign Air Force Combat Ammunition Center under the new Air Combat Command and reestablish it at Beale AFB, CA. To date, over 13,689 students have graduated from Air Force Combat Ammunition Center and the squadron just recently celebrated its 25th year anniversary by dedicating the Air Force Combat Ammunition Center school house the Marquez Academic Hall in honor of Lt Gen Leo Marquez.



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