

142 MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

142 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Allotted and granted federal recognition, 2 Jun 1956
142 Maintenance Squadron

STATIONS

Portland ANGB, OR

ASSIGNMENTS

142 Maintenance Group

COMMANDERS

Maj Aden Cole
Maj Robert Renn, #1960
LTC Noel Kemmerich, #1991

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

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142nd Maint Sq: federalized ANG 2 Mar 51, assigned to the 142nd MS Gp; inactivated 6 Feb 52.

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On June 2, 1956, the 142 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was allotted and granted federal recognition. Under this new concept, all maintenance functions were combined. Since 1956, the squadron has maintained the C-47, C-54, C-131B, C-13QA, U-3A, T-33A, F-89, F-94, F/TF-102, F-101B/F, F-4C, and the F-15A.

Tragedy struck late in the year. On Thursday, September 21, 1976 SSgt. Alan Mason was severely burned in a flash fire ignited by fuel venting from an F-101 that he was preflighting. The fast action of his co-workers, security personnel, and an on-scene flight surgeon saved SSgt. Mason's life. His recovery would require years of surgeries and therapy.

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