

48 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

48 Maintenance Squadron constituted, 25 Jun 1952

Activated, 10 Jul 1952

Redesignated 48 Field Maintenance Squadron, 15 Nov 1954

Redesignated 48 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 15 Nov 1958

Redesignated 48 Field Maintenance Squadron, 1 Jul 1964

Redesignated 48 Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 31 Aug 1981

STATIONS

Chaumont Air Base, France, 10 Jul 1952

RAF Lakenheath, England, 15 Jan 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

48 Maintenance and Supply Group, 10 Jul 1952

48 Fighter Wing, 8 Dec 1957

48 Logistics (later, 48 Maintenance) Group, 31 Mar 1992

COMMANDERS

Maj Leslie W. Tomlin, 10 Jul 1952

Maj Arthur W. Kownslar, Jan 1955

Capt Harrison B. Lethbridge, 6 Aug 1955

Maj Leslie W. Tomlin, 13 Dec 1955

Maj Charles F. Earll, 15 Jun 1956
Maj William M. Menaker, Jr., Aug 1957
Maj Woodrow W. Fry, 1 Apr 1959
Maj George W. Maxon, Jr., 24 Jul 1959
Maj Lacy W. White, Jr., 5 Nov 1959
Maj Stanley Wilkinson, Jr., 24 May 1960
Maj James R. Curran, Jun 1963
Maj Arnold H. Echola, 1 Jul 1964
Maj James G. Van Patten, 7 Dec 1965
Maj Marcus W. Galyean, 3 Oct 1966
Lt Col John B. Gipson, 20 Jan 1967
Maj Stanley Tufo, 15 Dec 1969
Lt Col Nickolaus A. Kueber, 3 Jan 1972
Lt Col Troy L. Caldwell, 1 Nov 1972
Lt Col Travis D. Dabbs, 6 Jan 1975
Maj Earl D. Baker, 7 Jun 1976
Lt Col Lowell V. Thomas, 24 Feb 1978
Maj Robert H. Peterson, 10 Jul 1980
Maj Gary A. Chabot, 31 Aug 1981
Lt Col Stephen J. Ratcliffe, 15 Mar 1982
Lt Col Jerry P. Wax, 30 Jul 1983
Maj Robert H. Steele, 18 Jul 1984
Maj Robert E. George, 15 Jul 1985
Lt Col Andrew M. Crowe, 1 Jun 1987
Maj Walter W. Saeger, Jr., 11 May 1988
Maj William C. Clark, 13 Mar 1989
Maj Russell G. Richardson, 6 Dec 1990
Maj Stephen J. Milone, 3 Feb 1992
Maj Arthur B. Cameron, Iii, 8 Apr 1994
Lt Col John P. Harris, 27 Jun 1996
Maj Dennis S. Perez, 5 Dec 1997
Lt Col Charles L. Webb, Iii, May 1999
Lt Col Terry W. Williamson, 5 May 2000
Maj Marcus F. Novak, 22 Jun 2001
Maj Helen L. Brasher, 31 Jan 2003
Lt Col Stephen B. Lawlor, 19 Jul 2004
Lt Col Benjamin Davis, 15 Jul 2005
Major Darin B. Dronoff, 12 Jul 2007

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1961 – 29 Feb 1964

1 Jul 1966 – 30 Jun 1968

14 Oct 1976 – 31 Dec 1977

1 Apr 1978 – 31 Mar 1980

1 Jul 1984 – 30 Jun 1986

1 Jul 1986 – 30 Jun 1988

1 Jul 1988 – 30 Jun 1990

20 Aug 1990 – 11 May 1991

1 Jul 1992 – 30 Jun 1994

1 Jul 1994 – 30 Jun 1996

1 Aug 1996 – 30 Jun 1998

*[14 Apr] – 10 Jun 1999

1 Oct 1998 – 30 Sep 2000

1 Oct 2000 – 24 Sep 2002

1 Oct 2002 – 30 Sep 2004

1 Oct 2004 – 31 Oct 2005

1 Nov 2005 – 31 Dec 2006

*Honors Conferred from the 48 Expeditionary Equipment Maintenance Squadron-Noble Anvil.

EMBLEM



48 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron emblem



48 Field Maintenance Squadron emblem

48 Equipment Maintenance Squadron emblem: On a disc Sable, ascendant from base a clenched fist and arm Buff, grasping a wrench bend sinister Silver Gray detailed of the first, emitting three lightning bolts radiating from dexter to chief Azure, Or and Gules, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "SOUTIEN POUR TOUS" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "48 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SQ" in Blue 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 silver wrench represents the superior maintenance mission and performance of the unit. The buff hand symbolizes strength and dexterity in the performance of mechanical duties. The black background signifies the ability to fulfill the air mission. The three lightning bolts--blue, yellow and red--represent the fighter squadrons the unit supports. 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 silver wrench represents the superior maintenance mission and performance of the unit. The buff hand symbolizes strength and dexterity in performance of mechanical duties. The black background signifies the ability to fulfill the air mission. The three lightning bolts, blue, yellow, and red represent the fighter squadrons the unit supports. (Approved 26 May 2006)

MOTTO

SOUTIEN POUR TOUS-Support For All

OPERATIONS

EVER looked in the cockpit of one of our F-100 aircraft? For those of you who have, you will agree that there sure are an enormous number of dials, buttons, and levers needed to keep one plane in the air. The same is true about the many departments of the Maintenance Squadron.

The squadron has a fabulous network of departments which keeps it efficiently operational, and, to really appreciate its composition, one would have to begin Maintenance supervision. The officers and airmen of this organization all play a vital role in all phases of the aircraft maintenance support mission of the 48 Tactical Fighter Wing.

The history of the 48 " Gremlin Chasers " dates to activation as the 137th Maintenance Squadron in October, 1950, at Alexandria, Louisiana. It was composed of personnel of Air National Guard units from Georgia, Kansas and Oklahoma.

Prior to being transferred to Lakenheath, in January of this year, the squadron had previously been assigned to Chaumont Air Base, since 1952, when it was redesignated to its present name when the 137th Fighter Bomber Wing became known as the 48 TFW.

A recent change has taken place in the 48 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the personnel of this organization say " Bon Voyage " to its departing Commander, Major Lacy W. White, Jr.

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Sources

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