

113th MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

113th Maintenance Squadron

STATIONS

Andrews AFB, MD

ASSIGNMENTS

113th Maintenance Group

COMMANDERS

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HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc per fess Argent and Azure, a fess of three Gules and of the first, in chief three mullets per fess of the third, debribing the fess a falcon volant Proper, grasping in its talons two wrenches in saltire Or, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "FALCON FIXERS" in Blue letters.

Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "113TH MAINTENANCE SQUADRON" 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 stars and stripes are a reference to the unit's American military heritage. The falcon symbolizes agility, power and strength. The flight of the falcon denotes the active nature and warrior spirit that is shared by all unit personnel. The crossed wrenches represent professionalism and symbolize the two components of the unit: the Component Repair Flight and the Equipment Maintenance Flight. The two wrenches are identical, implying team equality.

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OPERATIONS

From Feb through Oct 1952, the 113th Fighter Interceptor Wing was inactive. On 1 Nov 1952 the Wing returned to the control of the District of Columbia National Guard, and was relieved from active service in the Air Force. Also activated at Andrews 113th Maintenance Squadrons.

The first priority was adequate aircraft operational space. Projects were submitted for a warehouse, an aircraft parking ramp, and a hangar and maintenance shops. Construction began on a 27,000 square yard concrete parking ramp in spring 1953. This was completed a year later. A contract was awarded for \$800,000 to erect a hangar, consisting of 25,000 square ft. of space and 25,000 square ft. of office and shop space. This included a motor shop with four bays and a paint shop, and 16,000 square ft. of parking. Work began in fall 1954, but due to difficulties in procuring structural steel construction, it was not completed until a year later. The hangar housed the 121st Fighter Squadron, the 113th Maintenance Squadron, and the Flight Surgeon section of the 113th Hospital. A contract was awarded for \$200,000 to erect a 22,000 square foot warehouse across from the Air Guard hangar. This was completed in early 1954 and eased the supply burden. Another contract was awarded for \$900,000 to construct a 30,000 square foot Operations and Training Building. This provided space for Wing Headquarters, Group Headquarters, the Tactical Hospital, classrooms and an auditorium. This facility was occupied in rammer 1957.

As of 1 Jan 1953, the 113th Fighter-Bomber Wing was assigned 113th Maintenance Squadron

113th Maint Sq: federalized ANG 10 Feb 51 at Newcastle AFB, DE, assigned to the 113th MS Gp; inactivated 6 Feb 52.

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