

## 307 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

307 Periodic Maintenance Squadron constituted, 4 Jun 1952  
Activated, 16 Jun 1952  
Redesignated 307 Organizational Maintenance Squadron, 1 Sep 1958  
Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Mar 1965  
Activated, 1 Apr 1970  
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1975  
Redesignated 307 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 8 Dec 2010  
Activated, 1 Jan 2011

### STATIONS

MacDill AFB, FL, 16 Jun 1952  
Kadena AB, Okinawa, 22 Jul 1952  
Lincoln AFB, NE, 19 Nov 1954-25 Mar 1965  
U-Tapao AB, Thailand, 1 Apr 1970-30 Sep 1975  
Barksdale AFB, LA, 1 Jan 2011

### ASSIGNMENTS

307 Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952-25 Mar 1965  
307 Strategic Wing, 1 Apr 1970-30 Sep 1975  
307 Maintenance Group, 1 Jan 2011

### COMMANDERS

Maj Karwin Weaver, Dec 2011  
Maj Victoria M. Dewhirst

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

Korean Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Vietnam**

Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive

Southwest Monsoon

Commando Hunt V

Commando Hunt VI

Commando Hunt VII

Vietnam Ceasefire

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation

Korea, 11-27 Jul 1953

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

1 Apr 1970-31 Mar 1971

1 Apr 1971-31 Mar 1972

1 Apr 1972-28 Jan 1973

29 Jan-31 Dec 1973

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

[22 Jul 1952]-27 Jul 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm

8 Feb-31 Mar 1971

1 Apr 1970-28 Jan 1973

#### **EMBLEM**

307 Periodic Maintenance Squadron emblem approved, 23 Aug 1957



307 Organizational Maintenance Squadron



307 Organizational Maintenance Squadron emblem: On a disc white, edged black, three mountains in base light grey, outlined of the second; an American bald eagle in his proper colors (body brown, head, and tail feathers white, beak and feet golden yellow, outline detail black) standing on the peak of the center mountain, with wings displayed, between three Air Force blue stars. Motto: On a white scroll, edged and inscribed black, PERITIA FERRUM NOSTRUM, Skill is Our Implement. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The eagle and the stars symbolize the Air Force of which the squadron is a part. The emblem is symbolic of the squadron itself and each marking represents some unit within the squadron, some function of the unit performance or some unit equipment. The squadron mans and operates three large aircraft docks in which it inspects and maintains both B-47 and KC-97 aircraft. In addition to the dock crew, there is a Post Dock Unit which prepares the aircraft for test flight after the dock work is completed. The maintenance is supported by a supply unit. The central figures, three mountains, symbolize three docks around which all squadron activity is centered. Mountains are selected to symbolize not only the appearance of the docks, but the mountains of obstacles which the men of the squadron move daily to keep the aircraft of the wing in top flying condition. The mountains are gray because the docks are gray in color. The emblem is outlined by a thin black

line to symbolize the Post Dock Unit or "Backline" which protects the dock from the possibility of releasing an aircraft which is not ready for flight. Last, but not least, the background color of the central design is white, symbolic of the ever-present necessity of the supply unit.

The 307 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron emblem consists of three distinct elements, an eagle, three mountain tops and three stars, each symbolizing a unique aspect of the unit's mission. The background disc is white, edged in black with two scrolls. The first element is an American bald eagle with wings spread, outlined in black. The eagle is colored brown with the head and tail feathers white and the talons and beak are Air Force yellow. The eagle is standing on the center of three silver gray mountain tops that are outlined in black along with three ultramarine blue stars, one on each side and one above the eagle. On a white scroll above the emblem, inscribed in black is the motto "PERITIA FERRUM NOSTRUM" which means Skill is Our Implement. Located on the bottom of the emblem is a white scroll, inscribed in black with the squadron designation "307 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron". **SIGNIFICANCE:** The white background symbolizes the freedoms that are protected by the United States Air Force. The first element, an eagle with spread wings, represents the vastness of the global reach of the United States Air Force, of which we are part of. The eagle's beak and talons are colored with Air Force yellow to represent the excellence in which the squadron's mission is performed. The eagle's body is colored brown with a white head and tail feathers. The color of the eagle's body represents the purity of the earth which we protect. The second element, three ultramarine blue stars, represents the three different major Air Force commands supported by the squadron, Air Force Reserve Command, Air Force Global Strike Command and Air Combat Command. The 307 AMXS is part of the Air Force Reserve Command and supports aerial operation requirements of both the Air Force Global Strike Command and Air Combat Command. The third element, three silver gray mountain tops, represent the obstacles that must be overcome to fully support the three different missions supported by the 307 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The color of the mountain tops represent the "Neutral Gray" color of the B-52H aircraft. The three missions that are supported consist of all B-52H combat aircrew training, accomplished by the B-52H Formal Training Unit (93rd & 11th Bomb Squadrons); B-52H combat crew post-graduate weapons and tactics training (340th Weapons Squadron); and B-52H operational systems and equipment modification testing (49 Test and Evaluation Squadron).

#### **MOTTO**

PERITIA FERRUM NOSTRUM--Skill is Our Implement.

#### **OPERATIONS**

On February 1 1954, Lincoln AFB was officially activated and so was the 98th Air Base Group, in charge of running the field. The 98th Air Refueling Squadron was its first aircraft unit, arriving from Kansas the same month. The first major aircraft, a KC-97, made its appearance in Lincoln during April.

The one-third alert posture dictated a change in the maintenance concept. Until this time, all flight line crew chiefs and assistants were organic to the various bomb squadrons, which also

had their own supply support. Crew chiefs were then consolidated into a newly created squadron, the 307 Organizational Maintenance Squadron, and squadron supply personnel were integrated into base supply. Lincoln and Little Rock were test wings for this concept, which was later implemented by all SAC wings.

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