

379th EXPEDITIONARY AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

The 379th Organizational Maintenance Squadron provided operationally ready bomber and tanker aircraft for all wing missions. In addition, the unit provided minor maintenance, servicing, and inspection of transient aircraft.

The squadron consisted of four main branches, bomber, tanker, support and alert.

The bomber branch provided the wing with mission-ready B-52Gs equipped with the Offensive Avionics System / Air-Launched Cruise Missile modified to support a global mission, including the alert commitment. The branch managed, conducted, and monitored maintenance on this system. The tanker branch was responsible for performing preflight, hourly post flight, and thru flight inspections of aircraft structures, landing gear, engines, and various other systems and components. It performed operational checks on hydraulic, electrical, and pressurization systems, and was responsible for the launch, recovery, towing, and parking of all assigned and transient KC-135 aircraft.

The support branch provided, maintained, and stored technical order equipment, composite tool kits, special tools, aircraft test equipment, and maintained the squadron's technical order library. The alert force branch provides the squadron with the support needed for immediate launch of aircraft. They perform alert preflight inspections and the servicing, towing, parking, maintenance, and launching of alert aircraft.

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379th Periodic Maintenance Squadron

Redesignated 379th Organizational Maintenance Squadron

Inactivated, 15 Dec 1992

Redesignated 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

STATIONS

Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Nov 1955-9 Jan 1961

Wurtsmith AFB, MI, 9 Jan 1961

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

B-1s will be taking a break from the fight in the Middle East for the first time since 2001, as aircraft assigned to the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing head home this month for aircraft modifications. Within the past six months, aircraft and crews, deployed from Ellsworth AFB, S.D., flew 490 sorties and dropped 4,850 bombs. The group dropped 2,224 bombs in one month, more than any other B-1B unit, topping the previous deployed team's mark of 1,068 bombs, said Capt. Abraham Smith, officer-in-charge of the 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "Hundreds of thousands of manpower hours have been put into the past six months to keep these aircraft running and it's been a very challenging and an exhausting deployment; however we've found ways to make it enjoyable," Smith said. The B-1B modification, which includes three different improvements to the aircraft's avionics, is one of the largest ever. 2016

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