

## 388 COMPONENT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 388 Component Maintenance Squadron supports, maintains and sustains three combat ready fighter squadrons of F-16 block 40 aircraft equipped with Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night, or LANTIRN. More than 330 personnel are assigned to the 388 CMS. The 388 CMS also maintains more than \$400 million in support/industrial infrastructure components including over 90 F110-100 engines, more than 60 EW pods and 141 LANTIRN pods.

### LINEAGE

388 Armament and Electronics Maintenance Squadron  
Activated, 1 Mar 1962  
Organized, 1 Oct 1962  
Inactivated, 8 Feb 1964  
Activated, 14 Mar 1966  
Redesignated 388 Avionics Maintenance Squadron, 1 Jan 1969  
Redesignated 388 Component Repair Squadron, 1 Jun 1978  
Inactivated, 1 Dec 1991  
Activated, 9 Nov 2000  
Redesignated 388 Component Maintenance Squadron, 29 Aug 2002

### STATIONS

McConnell AFB, KS, 1 Mar 1962-8 Feb 1964  
Korat Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand, 8 Apr 1964-Dec 1975  
Hill AFB, UT, 23 Dec 1975

### ASSIGNMENTS

388 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1962 – 8 Feb 1964  
388 Tactical Fighter (later, Fighter) Wing, 8 Apr 1966 – 1 Dec 1991  
388 Logistics Group, 9 Nov 2000– 28 Aug 2002

388 Maintenance Group, 29 Aug 2002

## **COMMANDERS**

LTC J C Walls, 1 Oct 1962  
LTC Roger S. Baird, 8 Apr 1966  
LTC Harlan D. Wolffe, 31 Aug 1967  
LTC James F. Bott, 24 Aug 1968  
Maj Lewis G. Curtis, 10 Aug 1969  
Maj John O. Davis, 12 Sep 1970  
Maj Marion A. Ostdiek, Aug 1971  
Maj Edward A. Willming, May 1972  
LTC Walter L. Hummer, Mar 1973  
Maj James E. Gisriel, 14 Oct 1973  
Maj Robert L. Proteau, 15 Jun 1974  
LTC Philip G. Loignon, 17 Oct 1974  
Maj Paul R. Allee, 1 Jun 1975  
LTC Nathan C. Blackwell, 1 Sep 1975  
Cpt Jerome E. Peuler, 11 Feb 1976  
Maj William B. Williams, 26 Feb 1976  
Maj John M. Nowak, 10 Feb 1978  
Maj Jon W. Shively, 1 Dec 1978  
Maj Gary F. Herman, 15 Jul 1979  
Maj Daniel V. Conners, 15 May 1981  
Maj Kenton R. Ziegler, 12 Jul 1982  
Cpt Terry J. Walter Lee, 1 Dec 1982  
Maj Ronald K. Gravenhorst, 27 May 1983  
Maj Graydon K. Hicks, 22 Aug 1983  
LTC William J. McNaughton, 1 Jul 1986  
LTC Marshall S. Applegate, 3 Apr 1987  
Maj Steven B. Aylor, 11 Aug 1989  
Maj Jeffrey L. Jacob, 10 Oct 1990  
Maj Andrew R. Bouck, 10 Nov 2000  
LTC Kent Wong, 19 Jul 2002  
Maj Peter D. Blake, 25 Jun 2004  
Maj Scott A. Grover, 5 Jun 2006  
Maj John David Benedict, 29 Jun 2008  
Maj Daniel W. Counts, 22 Jul 2010  
Maj Douglas J. Dodge, 25 Feb 2011  
LTC Steven Oliver, 18 Jul 2013

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

Vietnam Air 1966  
Vietnam Air Offensive 1966 – 1967  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II 1967–1968  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III 1968  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV 1968 – 1969  
TET 69/Counteroffensive 1969  
Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969  
Vietnam Winter/Spring 1969 – 1970  
Sanctuary Counteroffensive 1970  
Southwest Monsoon 1970  
Commando Hunt V 1970 – 1971  
Commando Hunt VI 1971  
Commando Hunt VII 1971 – 1972  
Vietnam Ceasefire 1973

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Presidential Unit Citation  
Vietnam, 10 Mar – 1 May 1967

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device  
29 Jun 1966 – 15 Sep 1969  
10 Oct 1970 – 20 May 1971  
18 Dec 1972 – 15 Aug 1973  
15 Oct 1974 – 15 May 1975

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 Oct 1986 – 30 Apr 1988  
1 June 2005 – 31 May 2007

Meritorious Unit Award  
1 June 2007 – 31 May 2009

#### **EMBLEM**



On a disc divided per fess abased dancette blue and green within a narrow gold border in saltire a gold lightning bolt over a white King Cobra detailed gray, erect wavy, hood extended, tail entwining base of lightning eye and crown and emitting in chief red and gold tongues of flame. Below the emblem a blue scroll. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the Squadron. The blue of the field depicts the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, and the green depicts the earth, together they signify a ground organization supporting a flying mission. The King Cobra, noted in Southeast Asia for swiftness and effectiveness of its strike, denotes the Squadron's service in Thailand in support of the Vietnam conflict. The tongues of flame, referring to firepower, symbolize armament and the lightning while referring to the unit's parent wing also symbolizes electronics equipment and systems — indicating the nature of the Squadron's maintenance function. The emblem bears the Air Force colors yellow and ultramarine blue. (Approved, 24 Mar 1967)

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

The 388th CMS deployed in support of Operation Noble Eagle from February to May 2003.

The 388th CMS also deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

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#### Sources

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