

# 401<sup>st</sup> MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



## LINEAGE

### STATIONS

England AFB, LA, 15 May 1963-22 Apr 1966  
Torrejon AB, Spain, 27 Apr 1966-30 Jun 1979

### ASSIGNMENTS

#### COMMANDERS

Cpt Joseph A. Pombo, 8 October 1972  
Cpt David J. White, 19 July 1973  
Cpt Richard D. Zweig, 15 July 1975  
Maj John B. Sloan, 7 July 1978  
Maj Edward K. Johnson, 18 July 1981  
Maj Jerry D. Reel, 2 May 1983  
Maj Michael D. Baker, 17 August 1984  
Maj Bruce mining, 13 July 1987  
Maj Steven L. Fuzzell, 23 June 1990

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
1 Jun 1978-31 May 1980  
30 Jun 1987-30 Jun 1989

## **EMBLEM**

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

The clouds suggest the sky and reiterate the Air Force mission. The lightning bolts reflect speed in compliance to commitments. The open book and key allude to the knowledge of squadron personnel. The hammer and wrench represent the technical expertise of the unit's personnel. The heraldic bomb is symbolic of munitions and recalls the unit's predecessors. (Approved, 7 Mar 1989)

### **MOTTO**

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### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

*This squadron's unique history derives from two separate entities. The first, constituted the 40th Aviation Depot Squadron (ADS) on 5 December 1956, activated on 1 January 1957. This unit, initially assigned to the 820th Air Base Group, and later the 380th Bombardment Wing (Medium), remained at Plattsburgh AFB, New York, from 1 January 1957 until it inactivated on 30 September 1972. On 1 July 1960, the 40 ADS was redesignated the 40th Munitions Maintenance Squadron. The second squadron, the 40th Ammunition Supply Squadron, was constituted on 15 August 1972 and activated on 8 October 1972. This squadron, assigned to the 40th Tactical Group, at Aviano, replaced the 7235th Ammunition Supply Squadron at Leghorn (Camp Darby), Italy. The Air Force consolidated the two squadrons on 1 May 1986, and on 15 May 1986 redesignated the combined squadrons as the 40th Munitions Maintenance Squadron (Theater)*

*Following the consolidation; the 40 MMS(T) remained at Camp Darby and continued to store conventional munitions as theater assets. In addition, the squadron assumed responsibility for USAFE Harvest Eagle base kits on 31 December 1975, when the Air Force inactivated Detachment 3, 40th Tactical Group and merged its personnel and equipment with the 40th Ammunition Supply Squadron. The Harvest Eagle Branch moved to Aviano in 1986, reassigned to the 40th Tactical Group. Since then the squadron's primary mission has involved maintaining the capability to receive, store, maintain, protect, dispose of, and prepare for the redistribution of non-nuclear munitions in support of the USAF in the Mediterranean area. The 40 MMS(T) became the 401st Munitions Maintenance Squadron (Theater) when the 401st Fighter Wing replaced the 40th Support Wing at Aviano AB. The 401st Munitions Maintenance Squadron, originally activated 15 May 1963 and assigned to the 401st, inactivated on 30 June 1979.*

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