

406th FIELD MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

MISSION

The mission of the 406th Field Maintenance Squadron is two-fold. First, it has the task of providing for field maintenance on wing-assigned aircraft, transient aircraft and allied aircraft equipment. Secondly, it must provide for engine buildup of all wing-assigned aircraft. A secondary but equally important phase of the squadron's mission is to provide, maintain and operate manufacturing facilities for repairing or fabricating supplies and material within the capabilities of available facilities.

LINEAGE

406th Field Maintenance Squadron

STATIONS

RAF Manston, England, 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj Floyd M. Cecil, #1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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OPERATIONS

One of the largest and most important squadrons within the Wing, the 406th Field Maintenance Squadron, through its esprit de corps, unit pride and efficient accomplishment of assigned tasks, has established an enviable example for all other base units to follow.

The Field Maintenance Squadron may be likened to a civilian industrial center, with its many repair and manufacturing centers. For example, the sheet metal shop where the casting of metal parts—usually regarded as a job for a civilian foundry—is accomplished, along with the manufacturing of aircraft panels and other metal items of every conceivable size and shape. Then, there's the electrical shop, with its load testers, wiring devices and electricians, which keeps the pulse of F-86 beating; the carpenter's shop; the engine buildup section; and many other "small businesses" which contribute toward making the squadron area a bee-hive of industrial activity.

Teamwork has long been a watchword with the squadron, with all personnel making a concentrated and common effort toward the successful accomplishment of the assigned mission. Because of its numerous and diversified tasks, the squadron has long been dependent on its non-commissioned officers. Such important positions as chiefs of production control, sheet metal shop, engine buildup and hanger chief are filled by non-coms who have turned in first-rate performances of supervision and leadership.

The squadron has also made great strides forward under the provisions of the Air Force Achievements Awards Program. By giving "just a little more effort than required," squadron personnel, in their off-duty time, have invented many time, labor and money saving devices which are in use here and have been adopted at other bases.

These technical accomplishments, plus top-level administration, sparked by the commander, Major Floyd M. Cecil and guided by the capable first sergeant Master Sergeant William T. Hutson, have enabled the squadron to set one of the highest unit standards in U.S.A.F.E.—in keeping with the traditions established when the unit was named the 40th Fighter Interceptor Wing's "Squadron of the Year" in 1953.

Further indicative of the unit's high morale is its well-known athletic proficiency. Always near the top in base sports activities, the squadron has also creditably represented the base in higher level competitions.

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