

## 433 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

Responsible for performing on-equipment maintenance support to maintain the health of 16 assigned C-5A aircraft enabling the fleet to meet operations training requirements and strategic airlift mission taskings. Trains assigned reserve personnel and maintains unit readiness to augment active duty gaining major command forces as required.

### LINEAGE

433 Organizational Maintenance Squadron constituted, 8 Jan 1985  
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Apr 1985  
Redesignated 433 Aircraft Generation Squadron, 16 May 1991  
Redesignated 433 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

### STATIONS

Kelly AFB (later, Kelly Fid Annex, Lackland AFB). I X. 1 Apr 1985

### ASSIGNMENTS

433 Military Airlift (later. 433 Airlift) Wing, 1 Apr 1985  
433 Logistics Group. 1 Aug 1992  
433 Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993  
433 Logistics Group, 1 Apr 1995  
433 Maintenance Group

### COMMANDERS

Lt Col Charles M. Combs, Jan 2005-Jun 2007  
Maj Jay D. Anderson,

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 1986-30 Sep 1988

## EMBLEM



433 Organizational Maintenance Squadron emblem on an argent and gules disc, an American bald eagle is positioned at the chief atop a ultramarine azure globe. The globe is positioned at fess point and is the focus of the design. The background of the disc is divided into four quadrants. The two argent quadrants are located at the chief and base positions. The two gules quadrants are at dexter and sinister, on either side of the globe. Three argent estoiles are placed on the two gules quadrants. Two argent scrolls bordered in or are placed above and below the disc. The one above is lettered in ultramarine azure and bears the unit motto "global support. The one below is blank and is reserved for the unit's designation. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are used in the design. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow symbolizes the sun and the excellence of air force personnel. The white of the stars and the globe represent truth and purity. The black definition of the eagle and the border of the stars expresses the dignity and determination exhibited by members of the unit. The red of the two quadrants denotes the fortitude and perseverance of personnel to ensure mission completion. (Approved, 30 Dec 1988)



433 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron emblem: On a disc Grebe, a hexagon Or, surmounted by a globe Azure, gridlined Argent, axis tilted towards dexter chief. Overall an eagle, volant Sable detailed of the first, eyed and beaked of the second, crowned and tailed White towards dexter chief, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached above the disc, a Gray scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "GLOBAL SUPPORT" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a Gray scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "433D AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQ" in Blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The soaring bald eagle represents the United States and is symbolic of aircraft maintenance and the generation of aircraft to meet strategic airlift tasking. The hex machine nut is symbolic of the commitment to maintain aircraft and to provide highly qualified aircraft maintenance personnel to augment active duty forces on demand. The gridlined globe represents the Squadron's motto, "GLOBAL SUPPORT," and exemplifies the unit's readiness, willingness and ability to perform its mission anywhere in the world. 2 Nov 2004

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

1984 With the change of 433d mission requirements, the 901 TAG, Peterson AFB, Colorado, returned to the control of the Department of Air Force in April. On the same date, the 433d Organization Maintenance Squadron (OMS), 433d Field Maintenance Squadron (FMS), 433d Avionics Maintenance Squadron (AMS), and the 808Sth Electronic Security Squadron activated. The new C-S facilities groundbreaking ceremonies took place in September. This breaking ground started an intense three-year building program worth approximately \$70 million.

1991 The three maintenance squadrons saw a new designation by order of the Secretary of the Air Force effective 16 May. The 433 AMS became the 433d Component Repair Squadron (CRS), the 433 EMS became the 433d Equipment Maintenance Squadron (EMS), and the 433 OMS became the 433d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMS). The 433 EMS continued supporting Operation Desert Storm. The Maintenance complexes received the "New 2 Look Maintenance Concept".

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USAF Unit Histories

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Sources

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