

439 MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

439 Maintenance Squadron, Troop Carrier, Medium constituted, 19 May 1949

Activated in the Reserve, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 439 Maintenance Squadron, 1 Mar 1950

Ordered to Active Service, 1 Apr 1951

Inactivated, 3 Apr 1951

Activated in the Reserve, 15 Jun 1952

Redesignated 439 Field Maintenance Squadron, 8 Nov 1954

Inactivated, 16 Nov 1957

Activated, 4 Dec 1963

Organized, 8 Jan 1964

Discontinued and inactivated, 8 Sep 1966

439 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron constituted and activated, 8 Aug 1966

Organized, 8 Sep 1966

Discontinued and inactivated, 15 Jan 1968

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1984

439 Field Maintenance Squadron and 439 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron consolidated, 22 Oct 1984. Consolidated unit designated 439 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Redesignated 439 Field Maintenance Squadron, 1 Oct 1987

Redesignated 439 Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 16 May 1991

Redesignated 439 Maintenance Squadron, 1 Jul 1996

STATIONS

Selfridge AFB, MI, 27 Jun 1949-3 Apr 1951
Selfridge AFB, MI, 15 Jun 1952-16 Nov 1957
Misawa AB, Japan, 8 Jan 1964-15 Jan 1968
Westover AFB (later, Westover ARB), MA, 1 Oct 1984

ASSIGNMENTS

439 Maintenance and Supply Group, 27 Jun 1949-3 Apr 1951
439 Maintenance and Supply Group, 15 Jun 1952-16 Nov 1957
39 Air Division, 8 Jan 1964-15 Jan 1968
439 Tactical Airlift (later, 439 Military Airlift, 439 Airlift) Wing, 1 Oct 1984
439 Logistics (later, 439 Maintenance) Group, 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

Maj Andre A. McMillian
Lt Col Luis M. Nunez
Lt Col Michael J. Barden
Lt Col Richard F. Cox

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
15 Jun 1989-15 Jun 1991
1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2001
1 Oct 2001-30 Sep 2003
1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2007
1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2009

EMBLEM

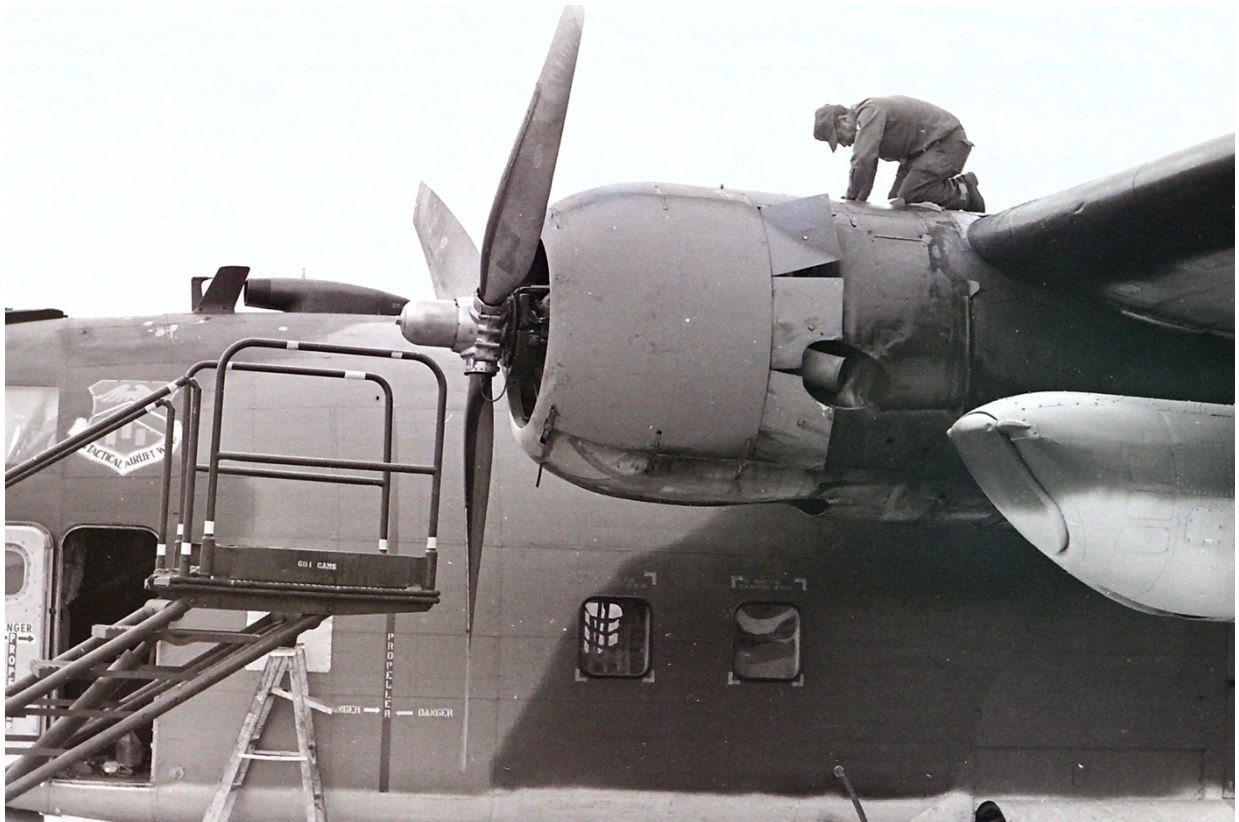


439 Field Maintenance Squadron emblem: On a light azure disc, an ultramarine azure demiglobe, highlighted with or longitude and latitude lines and bordered with five argent cogs is positioned at the seven o'clock position. Three or lightning bolts descend from sinister chief to the center. An argent sword with a gules and argent hilt is centered in bend. The disc is bordered with ultramarine azure. An or scroll is attached above and below the disc. The scrolls are also bordered with or. The scroll above is blank. The one below is lettered with ultramarine azure and bears the unit's motto "Mission Excellence Spirit." **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force Yellow are used in the design. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow signifies the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The lightning bolts represent electronic technology descending and merging with mechanical technology as depicted by the cog wheel. The sword demonstrates the direction, strength and leadership required to accomplish the unit's worldwide mission, day or night, in all weather as characterized by the demiglobe. (Approved, 5 Aug 1997)



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OPERATIONS



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