

446 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

446 Organizational Maintenance Squadron constituted, 18 Jun 1976
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jul 1976
Redesignated 446 Aircraft Generation Squadron, 1 Aug 1990
Redesignated 446 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

STATIONS

McChord AFB, WA, 1 Jul 1976

ASSIGNMENTS

446 Military Airlift (later, 446 Airlift) Wing, 1 Jul 1976
446 Logistics Group, 1 Aug 1992
446 Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993
446 Logistics Group, 1 Apr 1995
446 Maintenance Group

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Sep 1982-31 Aug 1984

1 Aug 1990-31 Jul 1992

1 Oct 1999- 30 Sep 2001.

EMBLEM

On an ultramarine azure disc, a brown snow-capped mountain is positioned at fess point and is the focus of the disc. The mountain is placed on a vert earth at the base of the disc. Two or tools of aircraft repair are surmounted over the mountain. A speed handle is placed diagonally from just below sinister and jessants upward to dexter chief. An open wrench is placed at sinister base and jessants upward o just above dexter. The disc is bordered with or. Two ultramarine azure scrolls are attached above and below the disc. The scrolls are also bordered with or. The one above is blank and is reserved for the unit's designation. The one below is lettered in or and bears the unit's motto, "dedicated to excellence." **SIGNIFICANCE:** ultramarine blue and air force yellow are used in the design blue signifies the sky, the primary theater of air force operations. Yellow represents the sun and the excellence required of air force personnel. The white of mountain refers to the unit's drive for perfection. The brown of the mountain represents the steadfastness of the earth. A solid foundation for mission accomplishment. The green of the base of the disc shows adaptability in mission performance. (Approved, 19 Jun 1989)



MOTTO

OPERATIONS

9/5/2012 - 8/30/2012 - Reservists from the 446th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron here are sharing their expertise with crew chiefs from the 164th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Tennessee Air National Guard, Memphis, Tenn., who are preparing for a transition from the C-5 Galaxy to the C-17 Globemaster III. Travelling to the Pacific Northwest for expert C-17 crew training, 12 164th AMXS crew chiefs are tasked with quickly ramping up their skills in preparation for the delivery of eight C-17 in fiscal 2013. "

My vision for the 446 AMXS is to maximize our maintainers' expertise by training fellow maintainers- especially those who are from other units that are new to the C-17," said Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Meyer, 446th AMXS superintendent. Leading the Air Guard team is Master Sgt. Todd Jones, 164th AMXS crew chief, who said his team must learn several hundred tasks from McChord's team to gain crew chief proficiency and certifications for C-17 aircraft systems. "We have to get certified and proficient to perform hands-on tasks so we can return to our home station and train other crew chiefs on the C-17 systems," Jones said. "As crew chiefs, we have to understand a broad spectrum of aircraft systems. We have to have a basic understanding of how all the systems work and to understand when to bring in assistance from other shops." Helping meet the Tennessee Air National Guard's Sept. 21 training deadline, the 446th AMXS crew chiefs immediately lend their support.

"Our job as air reserve technicians is to train people, so this is another opportunity to share our aircraft knowledge and lessons learned with another Air Force unit," said Senior Master Sgt. Mark Cherrix, 446th AMXS, Blue Aircraft Maintenance Unit superintendent. "Our goal is to help them reach "operational status" and perform real-world missions for the Air Force. We are experts at this and will teach them well. I have no doubt they will leave McChord better equipped to perform their maintenance jobs and provide operational aircraft for the Air Force mission." Supporting the Tennessee Air National Guard training also enhances the 446th AMXS crew chiefs' skills. "This opportunity helps us to not only hone our skills in training, but to also build new relationships with our partners who share the same mission," Meyer said.

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