

451st EXPEDITIONARY AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

451st Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron constituted and converted to provisional status, 26 Jun 2009

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 26 Jun 2009

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

On a disc of Azure, on a bend sinister Gules five mullets Argent between issuant from base a horse's head of the like detailed Sable and to chief a cross made up of a propeller blade per pale and a wrench per fess with wings Or. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "BATTLE CHARGERS" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "451 EAMXS" in Yellow 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 stars symbolize the original five aircraft maintenance units assigned to the Squadron. The horse's head signifies the ground forces the unit's airmen and aircraft support and the effort put forth by unit personnel to ensure quality aircraft maintenance. The crossed propeller and wrench with "Hap Arnold" wings recalls the unit's historical relationship to the 451st Bombardment Group.

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

The 451st Expeditionary Group at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, inactivated two squadrons as part of its transition from a large unit involved in combat operations to a smaller organization supporting the mission of training, assisting, and advising Afghan forces, according to a unit release. The 451st Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 451st Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron stood down in ceremonies on May 3. "On this date in 2002, we established the 451st AEG to control the air over southern Afghanistan," said Col. Rhude Cherry, 451st AEG commander, on May 3 "Over the course of time, we expanded to become a wing, and then last year back to being a group," he added in the May 21 release. The group's maintenance role now resides with the 62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, which operates MQ-9 Reaper remotely piloted aircraft. The group's logistics tasks realigned under the 451st Expeditionary Support Squadron, states the release. 2015

Air Force Order of Battle

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