

507 MAINTENANCE GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

507 Logistics Group established and activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1992
Redesignated 507 Maintenance Group, 1 Oct 2002

STATIONS

Tinker AFB, OK

ASSIGNMENTS

507 Fighter Group (later, 507 Air Refueling Group; 507 Air Refueling Wing; 507 Wing;
507 Air Refueling Wing), 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

Col James McDonnell, #2009
Col Kenneth C. Bunting, #2011
Lt Col Jeffrey J. Pinkard, Jul 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[1 Aug] 1992-31 Dec 1993
1 Jan 1994-31 Jul 1995
1 Aug 1996-31 Jul 1998
1 Jan 2009-1 Aug 2010

EMBLEM

Azure, a pile issuant from dexter chief arcing and terminating to sinister base Gules fimbriated Argent, surmounted by a stylized falcon descending bendwise head to base of the same, eyed of the second, in sinister chief a ringed planet of the third, shaded Silver Gray, garnished Dark Gray, and in dexter base six mullets Proper bendwise five and two, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "507 MAINTENANCE GROUP" 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 ringed planet and stars denote space and reflect the unit's effort to be prepared for the future arena. The falcon, a fierce bird of prey, represents speed, vigilance and the unit's history of flight. The pile symbolizes a fast and powerful defense of peace and protection of the Group's heritage.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Keeping a fleet of KC-135R flying is no small task. During an Operational Readiness Inspection, that task is complicated with extreme working conditions such as airfield and ground attacks, performing meticulous tasks and inspections while wearing chemical gear for hours, and manning all the additional details that come with operating out of a forward location in a wartime environment. The men and women of the 507 Maintenance Group, however, meet that challenge with flying colors. "We're here to provide Operations with mission-ready aircraft preflighted, serviced and configured to fly, and on time to meet their air tasking orders," said Lt. Col. James McDonnell, 507 Maintenance Group commander. Accomplishing that task, the colonel said, demands initiative and commitment from every member of the Maintenance Group. He said the success or failure in meeting an air tasking order hinges on the efforts of every maintenance technician working together as a team. "I've always been impressed by the dedication and abilities of this Okie maintenance team to get the mission done," the colonel said. "We have a fantastic team. They know what needs to be done and they get out there and do it, no matter the conditions." Maintenance is the second largest group within the wing with 275 people assigned. The mission of the 507 Maintenance Group includes performing virtually all maintenance activities required to en-sure the long-term health of the wing's fleet of KC-135R while providing mission-capable aircraft for air-crew training. And while the KC-135s are the oldest aircraft in the Air Force, wing maintainers work hard to keep the fleet viable. "Not only are our maintainers responsible for these multi-million dollar aircraft, but we are also responsible for the lives of the crews and passengers who fly on our aircraft. We take that responsibility very seriously. For every KC-135 mission flown there are flightline mechanics, back shop technicians and staff personnel who have worked their hearts out to make sure the aircraft is airworthy and crew-ready," the colonel said.

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