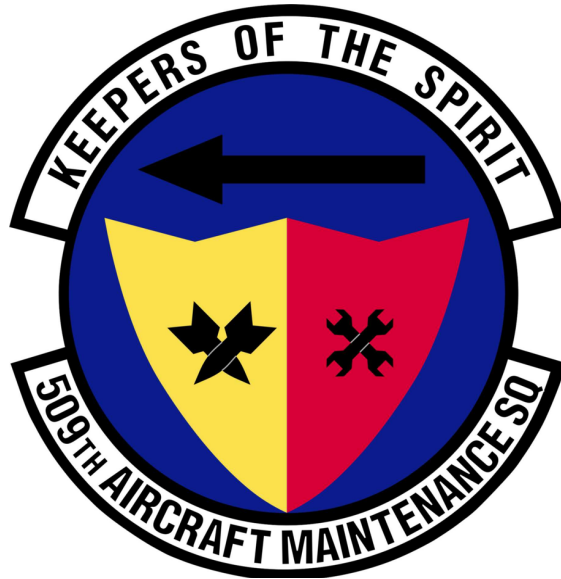


509 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

The 509 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron provides worldwide combat capability by planning and conducting all aspects of on-aircraft maintenance, launch and recovery of 20 B-2 aircraft in direct support of Joint Chiefs of Staff nuclear and conventional taskings.

The unit delivers maximum combat readiness while maintaining a deployable combat force capable of projecting B-2 global firepower at a moment's notice, anytime and anywhere.

LINEAGE

509 Periodic Maintenance Squadron constituted, 4 Jun 1952
Activated on 16 Jun 1952
Redesignated 509 Organizational Maintenance Squadron, 1 Mar 1959
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1990
Redesignated 509 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 28 Jun 2002
Activated, 6 Sep 2002

STATIONS

Walker AFB, NM, 16 Jun 1952
Pease AFB, NH, 1 Jul 1958-30 Sep 1990
Whiteman AFB, MO, 6 Sep 2002

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Andersen AFB, Guam, 10 Jul 1954-8 Oct 1954
Upper Heyford, England, 26 Jan 1956-30 Apr 1956

ASSIGNMENTS

509 Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952-30 Sep 1990
509 Maintenance Group, 6 Sep 2002

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device
5 Mar-14 Oct 1969

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1982

1 Jul 1982-30 Jun 1984

1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1987

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

5 Mar-14 Oct 1969

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, below an arrow fesswise point to dexter Sable, an escutcheon blazoned: Per pale Or and Gules, in dexter two aerial bombs in saltire points downward and in sinister two wrenches in saltire of the second, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "KEEPERS OF THE SPIRIT" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "509TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQ" in Black 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 emblem is representative of the heritage of the Squadron's parent unit, the 509th Bomb Wing, and their lineage back to the 509th Composite Group. The arrow is representative of the B-29 aircraft tail insignia from World War II. The shield alludes to the 509th Bomb Wing. The bombs and wrenches denote the Squadron's two primary disciplines to maintain weapons and to repair the aircraft providing global support. (Approved, 10 Apr 1981)

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OPERATIONS

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