

509 MAINTENANCE GROUP



MISSION

The 509 Maintenance Group maintains the nation's only long-range stealth bomber. The group provides full spectrum organizational and field-level maintenance and munitions support for the 509 Bomb Wing, employing 20 B-2 Spirit bombers. The group is also charged with supporting deployable long-range strategic airpower with complete maintenance and munitions packages for deployment and coordinates and engineers improvements with the program management office and higher headquarters.

LINEAGE

509 Maintenance and Supply Group established, 3 Nov 1947

Organized, 17 Nov 1947

Discontinued, 1 Aug 1948

509 Maintenance and Supply Group, which was established, 2 Jul 1948

Activated, 1 Aug 1948

Inactivated, 10 Feb 1951

Activated, 14 Feb 1952

Inactivated, 16 Jun 1952

Disestablished, 27 Sep 1984

Reestablished and redesignated 509 Logistics Group, 12 Mar 1993

Activated, 1 Jul 1993

509 Maintenance and Supply Group and 509 Logistics Group consolidated, 19 Sep 1995.

Consolidated unit designated 509 Logistics Group

Redesignated 509 Maintenance Group, 15 Jul 2002

STATIONS

Whiteman AFB, MO

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Mildenhall England, 4 Jun 1952-16 Jun 1952

ASSIGNMENTS

509 Bombardment Wing, 17 Nov 1947-1 Aug 1948

509 Bombardment Wing, 1 Aug 1948-10 Feb 1951

509 Bombardment Wing, 14 Feb-16 Jun 1952

509 Bomb Wing, 1 Jul 1993

COMMANDERS

Col Chase McCown

Col Mark Riselli

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Awards

1 Jun 2005-31 May 2007

1 Jun 2007-31 May 2008

1 Jun 2008-31 May 2009

1 Jun 2009-31 May 2010

1 Jun 2010-31 May 2011

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1995-31 May 1997

1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999

1 Jun 1999-31 May 2001

1 Jun 2003-31 May 2005

EMBLEM



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OPERATIONS

The B-2 bomber fleet set a record in April for sorties and hours flown in a single month, according to officials at Whiteman AFB, Mo., home to these stealth bombers. Members of Whiteman's 509th Bomb Wing, together with their partners in the Missouri Air National Guard's 131st BW, flew 142 sorties in the month, amassing 839.3 hours. "Any bad guy in the world watching us over the last 30 days saw a whole lot of airplanes doing a whole lot of flying. That's a strong message," said Col. Chase McCown, 509th Maintenance Group commander. B-2 maintainers achieved a mission-capable rate of nearly 70 percent for the month, some 15 percent above the bombers' average rate, said McCown. That's not an easy feat, he said, given the amount of maintenance required to maintain the low-observable qualities of the 20-aircraft fleet. "We proved we have proficient operators and maintainers who can surge operations and put jets in the air," said Col. Edward Martignetti, 509th Operations Group commander. Among their activity, B-2 pilots flew long-duration sorties, trained with special operators, and worked with F-22s, he said. 2014

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