

552nd MAINTENACE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

552nd Service Squadron constituted, 21 Sep 1943
Activated, 12 Oct 1943
Redesignated 552nd Material Squadron, 10 May 1944
Redesignated 552nd Air Material Squadron, 25 Jan 1945
Inactivated, 15 May 1946
Activated, 19 May 1947
Inactivated, 15 Aug 1947
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948
Reconstituted and redesignated 552nd Logistics Support Squadron, 1 May 1992
Activated, 29 May 1992
Redesignated 552nd Maintenance Operations Squadron, 15 Jul 2002
Inactivated, 18 Apr 2013

STATIONS

Hato Field, Puerto Rico, 12 Oct 1943 - 14 May 1944
Fresno, CA, 22 May 1944 - 10 Nov 1944
Tinker Field, OK, 10 Nov 1944 - 9 Dec 1944
Smokey Hill AAF, KS, 9 Dec 1944 - 7 Apr 1945
Northwest Field, Guam, 10 May 1945 - 15 May 1946
Andrews Field, MD, 19 May 1947
Kearney AAF, ND, 16 Jul 1947 - 15 Aug 1947
Tinker AFB, OK, 29 May 1992 - 18 Apr 2013

ASSIGNMENTS

24th Air Service Group, 12 Oct 1943 – 15 May 1946

552nd Logistics (later, Maintenance) Group – 29 May 1992 – 18 Apr 2013

COMMANDERS

Maj George R. Moore, 29 May 1992

LTC John L. Ruth, 2 Oct 1992

Col Walter L. Filipek, 4 Feb 1994

Maj Donald W. Miller, 18 Mar 1994

Maj Ray E. Dennie, 19 Jan 1996

Maj Robert L. Stine, 6 Feb 1998

Cpt Rosemary L. Thorne, 18 Jun 1999

Maj Kevin T. Betz, 7 Jul 1999

Maj Ronald Kieklak, 20 Oct 2000

LTC Douglas R. Plymale, 8 Jul 2002

LTC Howard C. Davis, 11 Jul 2004

Maj Konrad S. Cote, 18 Jul 2006

Maj Dwight D. Minnick, 21 May 2008

Maj Alexander P. Ralston, 6 Jul 2010

Maj Scott A. Czuba, 10 Jul 2012

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater; Asiatic-Pacific

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards (with Valor)

1 Jun 2002 - 31 May 2003

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Apr 1992 - 31 Mar 1994

1 Jun 1994 - 21 May 1996

1 Jun 1996 - 31 May 1998

1 Jun 1998 - 31 May 2000

1 Jun 2003 - 31 May 2004

1 Jun 2007 - 31 May 2008

1 Jun 2010 - 31 May 2011

1 Jun 2011 - 31 May 2012

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jun 2006 - 31 May 2007

1 Jun 2008 - 31 May 2009

EMBLEM



On a disc Sable, a bend sinister Argent, overall the head of a cougar couped Or, detailed of the field, armed of the second, eyed and langued Gules, fimbriated of the third, an inner border Azure; all within a narrow Black border. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "552D MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS 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 diagonal bar symbolizes the unit's global logistics support operations and the around-the-clock service and support to the flying mission. The cougar represents the speed and strength of the Squadron's dedicated personnel. The fierceness of the cougar further denotes the technical support the unit provides to the Wing's weapons systems. (Approved: 12 Sep 1994)

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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