

## 712 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

The 712 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintains C-17A home station and transient aircraft. Their mission is to train and retain mission capable Citizen Airmen through continuous preparation to efficiently support the nation's global commitments.

### **LINEAGE**

712 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron constituted, 11 Oct 2006  
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jan 2007

### **STATIONS**

Dover AFB, DE, 1 Jan 2007

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

512 Maintenance Group, 1 Jan 2007

### **COMMANDERS**

Maj Anthony Linton  
Maj Jeremy Brown, 1 Nov 2017

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 2008-30 Sep 2010

### EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, in saltire a wrench and lightning bolt point to dexter base Gules, fimbriated Argent, overall a lozenge fesswise Or, surmounted by an aircraft Vert, fimbriated Sable, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "CITIZEN AIRMEN GETTING IT DONE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "712TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQ" 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 aircraft refers to the close connection to the warfighter on the ground and the unit's adaptability to ensure that goods are delivered when needed in the heat of battle. The lightning bolt and wrench symbolize the maintenance profession. The bolt and wrench also stand for the courage, patriotism, strength and valor with which the unit performs its mission. The lozenge represents the State of Delaware, the diamond state, and the level of excellence the Squadron strives for in every mission. (Approved, 19 Mar 2009)

### MOTTO

### NICKNAME

### OPERATIONS

Dover Group Reorganizes for New C-17 Mission The 512th Maintenance Group at Dover Air Force Base, Del., is reorganizing to accommodate the C-17 Globemaster III mission and align itself with a structure similar to the rest of the Air Force. A ceremony Feb. 4 marked the end of a 30-year run of Dover's sole C-5 mission and the beginning of a new era as the base prepares for the arrival this summer of its first C-17. Eventually, Dover will receive a total of 13 C-17s. Previously, the 512th MXG consisted of an aircraft maintenance squadron, equipment maintenance squadron, component maintenance squadron and maintenance operations flight. The group works side by side with its active-duty counterpart, the 436th MXG, to maintain the C-5. The reorganization inactivated the 512th CMS, redesignated the 512th EMS as the 512th Maintenance Squadron and activated the 712th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, which will assume the C-17 maintenance mission. The component maintenance squadron people and mission transferred to the newly named 512th MXS. Half of the people from the 512th AMXS, which fixes and repairs C-5s, were reassigned to the 712th. The active-duty's 436th MXG inactivated its component maintenance squadron and merged it into its maintenance squadron in June 2005. It will stand up a C-17 maintenance squadron, the 736th AMXS, this spring. "Each aircraft in our U.S. Air Force's inventory requires highly skilled and disciplined men and women to fly them, to maintain them and to provide a wide variety of critical support to accomplish the mission," said Col. Willie W. Cooper II, 512th MXG commander. The ceremony was a bittersweet moment for at least one maintainer. Senior Master Sgt. Donald Kimball, a C-5 mechanic and flight chief with the 512th AMXS, was one of 85 people who transferred from the C-5 maintenance unit to the newly activated 712th AMXS. "The C-17 is the future of the Air Force, but all I know is the C-5," said Sergeant Kimball, who has been working on the C-5 since 1978. "It's an exciting change for the base. For the Airmen who get to work on them (the C-17s), it's going to broaden their careers, and they'll gain some valuable knowledge." Staff Sgt. Kevin Flowers, a C-5 mechanic for eight years, recently completed a six week C-17 technical school at Charleston AFB, S.C. He said he's enthusiastic about the new mission. "I like change and look forward to it," Sergeant Flowers said. "There's a lot of new stuff to learn, and to be able to work on the C-17 and be part of a new squadron is a great opportunity." 2007

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