

## 716 MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 716th Maintenance Squadron is an active associate maintenance squadron. About 170 active-duty maintainers work in tandem with Air Force Reserve members to provide maintenance support to Combat Talon I aircraft.

### LINEAGE

716 Air Material Squadron, 4 April 1945

Activated, 22 May 1945

Inactivated, 31 Dec 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted, and redesignated 716 Maintenance Squadron, 1 Feb 2000

Activated, 5 Feb 2000

### STATIONS

Langensalza, Germany, 22 May 1945

Wiesbaden, Germany, 10 June 1945

Eschwege, Germany, 14 July 1945

Fritzlar, Germany, 8 August 1945

Furth, Germany, 29 August -December 1945

Camp Patrick Henry, VA, 31 December 1945

Eglin Aux Fid #3 (Duke Field), FL, 5 Feb 2000 - 31 Aug 2006

### ASSIGNMENTS

474 Air Service Group, 22 May-Dec 1945

16 Logistics (later Maintenance) Group, 5 Feb 2000

### COMMANDERS

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War

II European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V"

1 July 2003 - 30 June 2005

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001

1 Sep 2001-31 Aug 2003

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, a Phoenix Gray detailed Sable highlighted Argent feet Or talons White issuant from a flame Proper grasping in its beak a dagger bendwise sinister of the second hilt Black surmounting in chief a bezant between in dexter two poles in pale and in sinister another of the fourth, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, an Azure scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "716 MXS" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, an Azure scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "ONE TEAM ONE FIGHT" 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. A full moon signifies the unit's commitment and mastery of night environment skills once feared by early warriors, now a medium of choice. The two stars to left reflect the unit's parent commands; the single star on the right, the unified war fighting command for which the unit must remain eternally prepared to provide lighting response. The Phoenix of Greek and Egyptian mythology symbolizes immortality and life after death. The dagger amplifies the Air Force Special Operations Command and its commitment to provide selfless service "anytime...anywhere" with old world values of honor, dedication and chivalry.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

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