

## 736 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

The mission of the 736 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is to provide safe reliable aircraft and dependable maintenance support to Team Dover in fulfilling its global peacetime and combat taskings. The squadron carries out its mission through the services of one aircraft maintenance unit and a sortie support flight. The squadron fulfills a mobility commitment by deploying personnel worldwide in support of Air Mobility Command's off-shore en-route system.

The aircraft maintenance unit is responsible for the inspection, repair, launch and recovery of 8 assigned C-17 aircraft. The sortie support flight provides the flights with the tools and special equipment necessary to ensure all aircraft are mission ready. Additionally, the support flight manages the squadron's vehicle fleet.

### **LINEAGE**

736 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron activated, 1 May 2007

### **STATIONS**

Dover AFB DE, 1 May 2007

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

436 Maintenance Group, 1 May 2007

### **COMMANDERS**

Maj Raymond T. Briggs, 1 May 2007

Maj Ronald L. Betts, 1 May 2009

Maj Richard W. Branson, 10 July 2009

Maj Sean K. McMurray, 26 May 2010

Maj Justin B. Radford, 30 May 2012

Maj Scott H. May, 7 Jun 2013  
Maj Anthony A. Truette, 19 Jun 2014  
Lt Col Matthew W. Bianchini  
Maj Kevin R. Scholz

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

Global War on Terrorism Service

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jan 2012 – 31 Dec 2012

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Sep 2007 - 31 Aug 2009

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2010

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2011

1 Jan 2013 – 30 Sep 2014

1 Oct 2015 – 30 Sep 2017

### **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, issuant from sinister chief the thigh, toes and talons of an American eagle Proper grasping a wrench bendwise sinister and a screwdriver bendwise all Argent (Silver Gray) detailed Sable. Emitting from base a demi-globe Celeste, gridlined Or, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "TALONS OF THE EAGLE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "736TH 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 eagle's talons represent the Squadron as being a vital part of the 436th Airlift Wing, known also as the Eagle Wing. The wrench and screwdriver signify the unit's resolute quest for excellence in repairing and providing operators with safe aircraft to fly. The globe symbolizes the Squadron's worldwide mission. (Approved, 17 Aug 2007)

### **MOTTO**

TALONS OF THE EAGLE

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

5/7/2007 The 736th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was stood up in an assumption-of-command ceremony here April 30. The 736th AMXS will be responsible for maintaining the C-17, scheduled to start arriving this summer. "This is all very, very exciting, yet humbling," said LTC Raymond Briggs, the new 736th AMXS commander, who assumed command in a combined 736th AMXS assumption of command ceremony and 3rd Airlift Squadron change of command ceremony here. "I'm excited by the energy here and the teamwork. Dover is 100 percent about the team." LTC Keith Thibodeaux assumed command of the 3rd AS from LTC Michael Webb.

The 3rd AS is now exclusively a C-17 squadron and flew their last C-5 flight March 14. The combined ceremony was very unique, said Col. Sam Cox, the 436th Airlift Wing commander. It was planned to highlight Dover's teamwork message. By nature of being a combined active duty and Reserve base, the Airmen of Team Dover are engrained with the concepts of teamwork and unity. From the top wing leadership down, these concepts are emphasized. "The first C-17 is scheduled to arrive here June 4," Colonel Cox said. "When combined with the C-5s here, they will provide all new dimensions of capability to Team Dover."

When the C-17s come online, the new squadron of maintainers will be ready to execute their part in the mission of fixing and flying aircraft, he said. "Our motto, though not official yet, will be 'We are the Talons of the Eagle,'" said Colonel Briggs, who stated the proposed patch and motto are currently being finalized. "The Talon represents this new squadron as an integral part of the Eagle Wing." The eagle is one of the most powerful birds of prey in the world and is frequently used symbolically as an icon of strength, supremacy or prosperity. In their ability to hunt, the talon is the eagle's most valuable tool. "We are the talon and the tools represent what we do," continued the 736th AMXS's new commander

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