

# 743 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

743 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

## STATIONS

Pope AFB, NC

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## Decorations

## EMBLEM

On a disc Or, a compass rose Vert, detailed Azure and of the first, charged with a globe of the third and gridlined Yellow overall a delta in fess, point to dexter and emitting an orbit encircling all, Argent, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Green scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "AIRLIFTING AMERICA'S FINEST" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Green scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "743D 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 compass rose, globe

and flight symbol indicate the unit's ability to launch aircraft from one location to any destination throughout the world.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

A part of the 43d Airlift Wing at Pope Air Force Base in Fayetteville , North Carolina , the 743d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is a truly unique organization. We are the only en route maintenance unit in the CONUS, and we are Air Mobility Command's busiest en route location. The 743d maintains strategic airlift, commercial contract, and C-130 aircraft transiting the base on Air Mobility Command missions, to include Special Assignment Airlift Missions (SAAM), contingencies, humanitarian relief, and Joint Chiefs of Staff directed exercises. We launch, recover, and perform maintenance on over 3,000 C-17, C-5, C-141, C-130, KC-10, and commercial aircraft transiting Pope AFB annually. What makes the 743d unique from other en route units is our special relationship with the 82d Airborne Division, XVIII Airborne Corps, and Joint Special Operations Command located on Fort Bragg .

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Air Force Lineage and Honors

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