

849 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

849 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron constituted 23 Nov 2009

Activated, 30 Nov 2009

Inactivated, 3 Jun 2014

STATIONS

Holloman AFB, NM, 30 Nov 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

49 Maintenance Group, 30 Nov 2009

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, beneath three mullets descending from chief to sinister Argent, a rattlesnake couped, poised to strike, tail to dexter Or, detailed Sable, fangs and rattles of the second, eyed and langued Gules; all within a narrow Yellow border. Above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow

Yellow border and inscribed "SAFE RELIABLE AND ON-TIME" in Yellow letters. Below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow yellow border and inscribed "849 AMXS" in Yellow letters. 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 rattlesnake is representative of the lethality of the aircraft the unit maintains. The prominent rattle is also indicative of the MQ-1 and MQ-9's constant watch for harm to the country and its allies and serves to warn enemies of the unit's striking power. The coiled nature of the snake demonstrates the unit's ability to project power over distance. The three stars represent the three flying squadrons (6 RS, 11 RS and 29 ATKS) that fly the aircraft the unit generates and maintains. (Approved, 3 May 2010)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Holloman RPV Force Grows: The 49th Fighter Wing at Holloman AFB, N.M., activated four new squadrons Oct. 23, adding the 29th Attack Squadron, 6th Reconnaissance Squadron, 16th Training Squadron, and 849th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (Provisional). The 29th ATKS, 6th RS, and 16th TS all serve as remotely piloted vehicle training units under the 49th Operations Group, which oversees training in MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper RPVs. The 849th AMXS falls under the 49th Maintenance Group and is responsible for maintaining both RPVs. Original members of all four units worked initially at Creech AFB, Nev., the Air Force's first RPV formal training unit and transferred to Holloman under detachments to set up the New Mexico facility at the new unmanned FTU central. Holloman flew its first Reaper flight last month achieved initial operational capability with the Predator in September, and expects to fully replace Creech as the primary FTU by 2012.

The 849th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron recently unveiled its newest hangar at Holloman AFB, N.M., according to base officials. Hangar 3 began housing the base's MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper remotely piloted aircraft on Aug. 26, according to Holloman's Sept. 3. The 849th AMXS received the keys to the hangar on Aug. 22, following a little more than three months of construction, 2nd Lt. Richard Ryland, assistant officer in charge of the 849th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, told the Daily Report on Wednesday. Holloman is the largest formal training center for the Predator and Reaper, including the instruction of RPA operators from Britain, Germany, and Italy, said Ryland. 2013

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