

# 1 SPECIAL OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE GROUP



## MISSION

The 1 SOMXG is one of the Air Force's largest maintenance groups and supports the 1 SOW mission by meeting key objectives: mobilizing personnel, equipment and supplies; training maintenance personnel; and sustaining combat readiness capabilities. They also operate Air Force Special Operations Command's Centralized Repair Facilities for C-130 Isochronal Inspections, C-130 avionics and T56 engines, which allow special operations aircraft to execute missions in multiple continental U.S., outside continental U.S. and AOR locations. The aircraft generation and maintenance squadrons stand ready when on- and off-equipment, organizational- or intermediate-level maintenance is necessary ... Any Time, Any Place.

The group is composed of more than 2,000 Air Commandos assigned to the following four squadrons:

- 1 Special Operations Maintenance Squadron
- 1 Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- 801 Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- 901 Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Through the combined efforts of these units, the group supports the AC-130U Spooky, AC-130J Ghosthunter, CV-22 Osprey, MC-130H Combat Talon II and PC-12/U-28 aircraft that make up the 1st SOW inventory.

## LINEAGE

Base Headquarters and 1 Air Base Squadron constituted and activated, 1 Sep 1936

Redesignated Base Headquarters and 1 Air Base Squadron (Double), 25 Jan 1940  
Redesignated 1 Air Base Group (Reinforced), 1 Sep 1940  
Redesignated 1 Air Base Group, 6 Nov 1941  
Redesignated 1 Service Group, 13 Jun 1942  
Disestablished, 15 Apr 1945  
Reestablished and redesignated 1 Special Operations Wing Logistics Group, 21 Sep 1992  
Redesignated 16 Logistics Group, 1 Oct 1993  
Redesignated 16 Maintenance Group, 1 Oct 2002  
Redesignated 1 Special Operations Maintenance Group, 16 Nov 2006

### **STATIONS**

Langley Field, Virginia, 1 Sep 1936  
Syracuse, New York, 24 Aug 1942  
Fort Dix, New Jersey, 18 Nov 1942-17 Apr 1943  
Goxhill, England, 12 May 1943  
Steeple Morden, England, 23 Jun 1943-15 Apr 1945  
Hurlburt Field, Florida, 22 Sep 1992

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

2 Wing (later, 2 Bombardment Wing), 1 Sep 1936  
1 Air Force Service Command, 1 Oct 1941  
Eastern Theater of Operations, 30 Dec 1941  
Eighth Air Force, May 1943  
VIII Fighter Command, 19 May 1943  
2 Bombardment (later 2 Air) Division, 15 Sep 1944 - 15 Apr 1945  
1 (later, 16) Special Operations Wing, 22 Sep 1992  
1 Special Operations Wing, 16 Nov 2006

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Walter R. Weaver, 1 Sep 1936  
Col Lawrence S. Churchill, 8 Feb 1939  
Col Jacob W. S. Wuest, 6 Sep 1939-1 Sep 1940

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

World War II  
American Theater  
European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor  
1 Jun 1997 - 31 May 1999  
1 Jul 2003 - 30 Jun 2005  
1 Jul 2006 - 30 Jun 2007

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
[22 Sep] 1992 - 15 Apr 1994  
1 Jun 1995 - 31 May 1997  
1 Jul 1999 - 30 Jun 2001  
1 Jul 2001 - 30 Jun 2003  
1 Sep 2004 - 31 Aug 2006

### EMBLEM



Base Headquarters and 1 Air Base Squadron emblem



1 Service Group emblem Azure, on a bend in front of a lightning bolt bend sinisterwise or, a

five link chain of the first.

The emblem of the 1 Special Operations Maintenance Group is that of the 1 Special Operations Wing with the group designation in the scroll. It is symbolic of the organization's history and mission. The blue background represents the sky and the United States Air Force. The 13 red and white stripes stand for the nation's original 13 colonies, the first American force to engage in war to defend freedom. The silver dagger is winged to indicate the 1 Special Operations Wing brings force through the air. A golden lamp of knowledge reflects the wing's civic action role and indicates that members of the 1 Special Operations Wing serve as teachers, as well as warriors, in helping our allies determine their own way of life and form of government.

### **MOTTO**

DE COELO PRAESIDIUM—Protection from the Skies

### **OPERATIONS**

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