

33 MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

The 33 Maintenance Squadron consists of eight flights; Accessory Flight, Aerospace Group Equipment Flight, Armament Systems Flight, Avionics Flight, Fabrication Flight, Maintenance Flight, Munitions Flight and Propulsions Flight. Nicknamed the Wizards, they operate the 33's entire industrial, manufacturing and electronic repair capabilities. Providing both on and off station equipment maintenance, the 33 Maintenance Squadron is committed to preparing the wing's F-15 for worldwide deployment and air superiority employment operations.

LINEAGE

Maintenance Squadron, 33 Maintenance and Supply Group designated, 15 Oct 1947
Organized, 5 Nov 1947
Discontinued, 1 Aug 1948

33 Maintenance Squadron, Fighter, Jet, constituted, 14 Jun 1948
Activated, 1 Aug 1948

Maintenance Squadron, 33 Maintenance and Supply Group and 33 Maintenance Squadron,
Fighter, Jet consolidated, 22 Oct 1948

Redesignated 33 Maintenance Squadron, 20 Jan 1950
Inactivated, 6 Feb 1952
Redesignated 33 Field Maintenance Squadron, 20 Jun 1955
Activated, 18 Aug 1955
Inactivated, 18 Aug 1957
Redesignated 33 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and activated, 7 Jul 1963
Organized, 8 Jul 1963

Discontinued and inactivated, 8 Jul 1965
Redesignated 33 Field Maintenance Squadron, 28 Jan 1969
Activated, 8 Jun 1969
Redesignated 33 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 31 Jul 1972
Redesignated 33 Field Maintenance Squadron, 8 Jul 1973
Redesignated 33 Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 1 Jul 1978
Redesignated 33 Maintenance Squadron, 1 Dec 1991

STATIONS

Roswell (later Walker) AFB, NM, 5 Nov 1947
Otis AFB, MA, 16 Nov 1948-6 Feb 1952
Otis AFB, MA, 20 Jun 1955-18 Aug 1957
Tan Son Nhut Afd, South Vietnam, 8 Jul 1963-8 Jul 1965
Eglin AFB, FL, 8 Jun 1969

ASSIGNMENTS

33 Maintenance and Supply Group, 5 Nov 1947-6 Feb 1952
33 Fighter Group (Air Defense), 18 Aug 1955
33 Maintenance and Supply Group, 18 Oct 1956-18 Aug 1957
33 Tactical Group, 8 Jul 1963-8 Jul 1965
33 Tactical Fighter (later 33 Fighter) Wing, 8 Jun 1969
33 Logistics (later 33 Maintenance) Group, 1 Dec 1991

COMMANDERS

None, 5-26 Nov 1947
Capt Max M. Gillaspy, 27 Nov 1947-Unk
Capt Amos E. Waage, 1948
Maj Raymond J. Lien, 1 Mar 1949
Maj Bill C. Routt, 20 Apr 1949
Capt Frank L. McClure, Dec 1949
Lt Col James D. Barlow, 5 Jul 1950
Maj Richard C. Harding, 1 Sep 1950
Lt Col John J. Fischer, Mar 1951
Capt Charles W. Stover, 10 May 1951
Maj Alexander C. Bogden, Jun 1951
Lt Col William D. Harris, 8 Aug 1951
Maj Carl A. Nelson, 3 Dec 1951-6 Feb 1952
Unk, 18 Aug 1955-18 Aug 1957
Maj Jack H. Kimbro, 8 Jul 1963
Lt Col Harold Langley, Jan 1964
Lt Col Richard L. Bonnell Jr., Mar 1964
Lt Col Arthur Maxfield, 25 Feb 1965
Lt Col Melvin O. Owens, 15 May-6 Jul 1965
Lt Col Leslie Lemke, Jun 1969

Maj Vernon E. Cooper, 1 Apr 1970
Lt Col Raymond C. Scott, Jul 197
Lt Col Smith C. Humphries, 20 Aug 1973
Lt Col Raymond L. Murden, 20 Jan 1975
Lt Col David C. Connett, 4 Aug 1975
Maj Alfred T. Driscoll, 26 Jun 1976
Lt Col Robert E. Davison, 5 Jun 1978
Maj Louis A. Riviezzo, 16 Jun 1979
Maj James W. Barnhardt Jr., 19 Aug 1979
Maj John A. Brantner, 14 Mar 1980
Cpt Charles D. Henry, 8 May 1981
Maj David L. Helms, 21 Jul 1981
Maj Robert F. Tilton, Jr., 29 Aug 1983
Maj George Gaten, Jr., 16 Sep 1985
Maj Jeffrey L. Duncan, 3 Sep 1987
Maj Ronald Lee, 8 Sep 1989
Maj Rita A. Springer, 10 Jul 1992
Lt Col Gerald D. Davidson, 17 Sep 1993
Cpt Stephen V. Millano, 1 Oct 1994
Lt Col Glenn M. Scott, 24 Jul 1995
Lt Col David R. Perzel, 2 Mar 1998
Maj Brian D. Amos, 7 Apr 2000
Lt Col Donald Van A. Patten, 19 July 2002
Maj Jeff Sloan, Jul 2003
Lt Col Justin C. Fortune, Jul 2005
Maj Phillip K. Johnson, 29 Jan 2007 (Interim)
Maj Edward Earhart, 6 Jul 2007
Maj Michael Shetler, 15 May 2009
Lt Col Rodrick Webb, 3 May 2010
Cdr Joel Tessier (USN), 3 Nov 2011
Lt Col Daniel Mattioda, 19 Jun 20
Cdr Rex D. Burkett (USN), 29 May 2014
Lt Col Craig L. Williams, 18 Aug 2016

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam

Vietnam Advisory, 1961-1965

Vietnam, Defensive, 1965-1966

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1978-30 Apr 1980

1 May 1984-30 Apr 1986

1 Apr 1990-31 Mar 1992

1 Jun 1996-31 May 1998

EMBLEM



Gules, a globe Azure gridlined Argent surmounted by a sword bendwise in dexter base Sable and below three flight symbols bendwise in pale each issuing a double contrail arcing to sinister chief of the globe Or; all within a diminished bordure White. Attached above the disc a Blue scroll edged with a narrow White border. Attached below the disc a Blue scroll edged with a narrow White border and inscribed "TEAMWORK PRIDE" in White letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and 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 red disk stands for teamwork and valor of the unit personnel. The globe reflects the squadron's commitment to global reach. The sword represents the unit's parent wing and represents truth and our ability to project global power. The three stylized aircraft represent the flying squadrons the squadron supports through maintenance service. (Approved, 15 Nov 1994)

MOTTO

TEAMWORK PRIDE

OPERATIONS

The 33 Maintenance Squadron, nicknamed the "Wizards" first called Eglin Air Force Base, Florida home in 1965. The wing was flying the F-4 and the Vietnam War was just gearing up. At the time, the maintenance program was divided into four squadrons, the 33 Organization Maintenance Squadron, the 33 Armament and Electronic Maintenance Squadron, the 33 Munitions Maintenance

Squadron and the 33 Field Maintenance Squadron.

In 1978, when the 33 received its first F-15, the Air Force adopted a new concept of operating its maintenance programs. Named the Production Oriented Maintenance Organization (POMO), the new concept combined the duties of the four original squadrons into two new squadrons - the 33 Equipment Maintenance Squadron (EMS) and the 33 Component Repair Squadron (CRS). The new squadrons were formed with the single goal, enabling the 33 to fly, fight and win. In December of 1991, the Air Force went through another service wide restructuring. The 33 EMS and the 33 CRS were combined forming the 33 Maintenance Squadron (33 MXS).

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Sources

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Unit yearbook. *32nd Air Division. 1955.*