

44 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

44 Periodic Maintenance Squadron constituted, 4 Jun 1952
Activated, 16 Jun 1952
Redesignated 44 Organizational Maintenance Squadron, 1 Dec 1958
Discontinued, 15 Jun 1960
Redesignated 44 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 7 Jan 2010
Activated, 1 Feb 2010

STATIONS

Lake Charles AFB (later, Chennault AFB), LA, 16 Jun 1952-15 Jun 1960
Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Feb 2010

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Sidi Slimane, French Morocco, 21 Jan-15 Feb 1953; 12 Apr-22 Jun 1954

ASSIGNMENTS

44 Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952-15 Jun 1960
44 Fighter Group, 1 Feb 2010

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Charles A. Martin, 1954
Maj Karwin Weaver, Nov 2010-Dec 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Silver Gray, within an inner border Sable, in chief eight mullets bend sinisterwise in two rows, four and four Or, above in base the historic National Aircraft Insignia Azure and Argent, emitting from its sinister side two contrails curving and ascending to dexter terminating in two stylized deltas of the second, all within a narrow border Silver Gray. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Silver Gray border and inscribed "44 AMXS" in Silver Gray letters. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Silver Gray border and inscribed "AGGRESSOR BEWARE" in Silver Gray 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 field and eight stars represent the heavens and the security provided by the airpower that the Squadron supports. The historic 1943-1947 National Aircraft Insignia is an overt reminder of this unit's link to its past and its name sake, the 44 Bombardment Group's, courageous actions during that war. During WWII, these airman coined a war cry: "Aggressor Beware." The stylized deltas with contrails signify the Squadron's link to aviation and their pride in producing airpower.

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OPERATIONS

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