

44 MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

44 Maintenance Squadron constituted, 20 Dec 1950
Activated, 2 Jan 1951
Redesignated 44 Field Maintenance Squadron, 16 Jun 1952
Discontinued, 15 Jun 1960
Inactivated, 22 Oct 1984
Redesignated 44 Maintenance Squadron, 7 Jan 2010
Activated, 1 Feb 2010

STATIONS

March AFB, CA, 2 Jan 1951
Lake Charles Muni Airport (later, Lake Charles AFB; Chennault AFB), LA, 1 Aug 1951-15 Jun 1960
Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Feb 2010

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Sidi Slimane, French Morocco, 17 Jan-22 Feb 1953; 11 Apr-22 Jun 1954

ASSIGNMENTS

44 Maintenance and Supply Group, 2 Jan 1951
44 Bombardment Group, 10 Feb 1951
44 Bombardment Wing, 16 Jun 1952-15 Jun 1960
44 Fighter Group, 1 Feb 2010

COMMANDERS

Maj Willard E. Smith, #1954

Maj Michael Mattingly, 24 Apr 2017

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, flanked by eight mullets, four descending from dexter chief and four descending from sinister chief Or, an escutcheon blazoned: Per fess Sable and Gules, a fess and bordure Argent, overall a broadsword hilt Or, detailed of the third, blade Gris, all within a narrow border Black. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "44 MAINTENANCE SQ" in Black letters. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "VOLUCRIS OCTO TRIGON" in Black 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 stars, combined with the background, represent the heavens, in which the airpower that this Squadron supports dominates, and its air superiority mission. The shield depicts the impenetrable defense the unit provides through aircraft. The broadsword represents the might of airpower. When coupled with the shield they tie directly to the Airman's Creed passage: "my nation's sword and shield." The Latin motto "VOLUCRIS OCTO TRIGON" translates to the nickname of the Squadron's parent organization, the 44 Fighter Group--"The Flying Eight Ball."

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OPERATIONS

USAF Unit Histories

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