

9 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

The 9 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron launches, recovers and maintains the Air Force's U-2 and RQ-4 fleet in support of operational and training sorties. The squadron also manages fleet health to meet peacetime requirements and ensure aircraft availability for all peacetime and wartime taskings, as well as deploys aircraft, personnel and equipment in support of contingency operations and other presidential and Secretary of Defense taskings throughout the world. The unit consists of 1 Squadron Administrative Flight and 2 AMU's with 5 sections: Programs Flight (Commanders Support Staff), 99 AMU, 99 APG, 99 Specialist, 12 AMU, 12 APG, 12 Specialist, 12 Ground Communications.

LINEAGE

9 Periodic Maintenance Squadron constituted, 4 Jun 1952
Activated, 16 Jun 1952
Redesignated 9 Organizational Maintenance Squadron, 1 Oct 1958
Inactivated, 30 Apr 1992
Redesignated 9 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 20 Aug 2002
Activated, 18 Sep 2002

STATIONS

Travis AFB, CA, 16 Jun 1952
Mountain Home AFB, ID, 1 May 1953
Beale AFB, CA, 25 Jun 1966-30 Apr 1992
Beale AFB, CA, 18 Sep 2002

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Fairford, England, 24 May 1955-9 Jul 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

9 Bombardment (later 9 Strategic Aerospace; 9 Strategic Reconnaissance) Wing, 16 Jun 1952

9 Logistics Group, 1 Sep 1991-30 Apr 1992

9 Maintenance Group, 18 Sep 2002

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation

Southeast Asia, 31 Mar-31 Dec 1968

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

1 Jul 1972-30 Jun 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1957-31 Jan 1958

1 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1968

1 Jul 1970-30 Jun 1971

1 Jul 1971-30 Jun 1972

1 Jul 1975-30 Jun 1977

1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1982

1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1984

1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1986

1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1987

1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1990

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004

1 Jun 2005-31 May 2007

1 Jun 2007-31 May 2009

EMBLEM



9 Organizational Maintenance Squadron emblem



9 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron emblem: On a disc Azure, a sphere issuing from dexter base Vert, axis bendwise, gridlined and edged Gules, and in sinister chief a flight symbol ascending bendwise Sable, fimbriated Tenné; overall a fess Or, thereon four crosses patee of the fourth, all within a diminished border Black. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "9 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ" in Black 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 earth signifies the unit's worldwide deployment tasking and the globe is used to signify commitment and preservation of natural resources and keeping the environment clean. The aircraft symbolizes the Squadron's primary role of maintaining assigned aircraft and its readiness to execute the mission for the operational flying units. The band and crosses patee signify the primary role the Squadron plays in supporting the wing's mission. The meridians on the earth represent the valor of unit personnel in their worldwide mission in support of national security objectives. (Approved, 10 Sep 2002)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

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