9 MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

The squadron performs both in-shop and flight-line maintenance for the U-2 and T-38. The squadron deploys personnel and equipment supporting the 9 Reconnaissance Wing's mission of global reconnaissance and in-place aircrew training. They staff four full-time overseas locations and operations directed by the National Command Authorities, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, unified commanders and higher headquarters. The squadron performs many diverse duties everything from mounting tires to repairing the most advanced sensor systems. The squadron is also responsible for maintaining the U-2. This presents a unique challenge as the U-2 is constantly being upgraded with the latest technologies. Because of that, those dealing with the U-2 in the squadron are constantly receiving training for these technologies that are ever changing.

Nearly 380 active duty, contractors, and civilian members are assigned to the 9 MXS. The unit consists of six flights: Accessories Flight, Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight, Avionics Flight, Fabrication Flight, Maintenance Flight, Propulsion Flight, and Programs Flight.

LINEAGE

9 Maintenance Squadron, Strategic Reconnaissance constituted and activated, 1 May 1949 Redesignated 9 Maintenance Squadron, 16 Mar 1950 Redesignated 9 Field Maintenance Squadron, 16 Jun 1952 Redesignated 9 Maintenance Squadron, 30 Apr 1992

STATIONS

Fairfield-Suisun (later, Travis) AFB, CA, 1 May 1949 Mountain Home AFB, ID, 1 May 1953 Beale AFB, CA, 25 Jun 1966

ASSIGNMENTS

- 9 Maintenance and Supply Group, 1 May 1949
- 9 Bombardment Group, Medium, 10 Feb 1951
- 9 Bombardment Wing, Medium (later, 9 Strategic Aerospace Wing; 9 Strategic Reconnaissance Wing), 16 Jun 1952
- 9 Logistics (later, 9 Maintenance) Group, 1 Sep 1991

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Award 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 1973-30 Jun 1975

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 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1994

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1995

1 Jun 1996-31 May 1998

1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000

1 Jun 2000-31 May 2002

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004

1 Jun 2005-31 May 2007

1 Jun 2007-31 May 2009

Meritorious Unit Award 1 Jun 2009-31 May 2011

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Approved, 8 Jun 1961



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OPERATIONS

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