

# 116 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

116 Aircraft Generation Squadron  
Redesignated 116 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

## STATIONS

Robins AFB, GA

## ASSIGNMENTS

116 Maintenance Group

## COMMANDERS

LTC George Blake  
LTC Daniel J. Zachman

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, below a globe Argent, edged and gridlined Sable, emitting two lightning flashes in chevron Or, the head of a bulldog caboshed Proper, fur Grebe (Silver Gray), about

the neck a collar of the third, studded with five White spikes and grasping in its jaws a dagger fesswise point to dexter Yellow, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "DAGGER DAWGS LEADING THE PACK" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "116TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQ" 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 Dagger Dawg signifies aircraft maintenance specialties, and the dagger denotes the combat mission. The lightning flashes refer to the rapid response nature of the mission. The globe indicates the world wide aspect of "JOINT STARS" operations.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 116th Aircraft Generation Squadron (AGS) was created from the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron by the reorganization of all Air National Guard aircraft maintenance functions in May 1995. This reorganization was mandated to more closely align the aircraft maintenance functions in the Air National Guard with gaining command active duty Air Force maintenance operations. AGS personnel and equipment are organized and trained to provide direct aircraft support focused to generate the flying program sorties.

Aircraft preparation, launch, recovery, servicing, weapons loading, and on-board system maintenance are the responsibilities of the AGS. These tasks are performed by a variety of aircraft mechanics with highly technical skills: general aircraft maintenance, aircraft inspection and repair, support technical data and equipment, avionics offensive systems, avionics instrumentation and flight controls, avionics defensive systems, weapons loading, and weapons release system.

Change and challenge for the new organization have been the way of life for the 116 AGS. The first challenge was to create a new squadron and establish an identity within the Logistics Group while supporting the operational requirements with its new sister squadron, the 116th Maintenance Squadron. Change was next with the announcement that the 116th Fighter Wing would convert from F-15 A/B to B-1B and be relocated from Dobbins ARB to Robins AFB, GA. The 116 AGS began operations at Robins AFB, GA on 1 April 1996 with the activation of the 116th Bomb Wing. Only one B-1B was on station parked on the old B-52 alert ramp known as the "Christmas Tree".

AGS facilities at Robins AFB consisted of two trailers, half of a storage building for Weapons Services, and one hangar bay...all temporary locations. Personnel changes were dramatic with the number of full time support employees nearly doubling and many of the original members retiring or not making the move to central Georgia. Adding to the challenge was that most all members of the AGS required some level of transition training to be certified on the new aircraft, training that required personnel to travel to active duty B-1B bases for extended

periods of time. Conversion, relocation, temporary facilities, massive training requirements, personnel changes, and a totally new mission in a complex weapons system...changes and challenges successfully met by the 116 AGS and verified by the 116th Bomb Wing declaring Initial Operational Capability in December 1997. The future is exciting and bright for the 200 members of the 116 AGS. New facilities are under construction at Robins AFB that will bring together the flightline and phase dock operations as well as providing aircraft parking space with all the amenities enjoyed by other B-1B main operating bases.

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