

116th MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



LINEAGE

STATIONS

Robins AFB, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Lt Col William D. Bryan, Jr.
Major Matthew E. Grant (Acting)
Maj Robby Key

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, issuing from dexter and sinister four clouds fesswise two and two Argent, between and issuing from sinister chief an American bald eagle soaring Proper, grasping in its talons a mechanic's wrench fesswise Silver Gray, all within a narrow border Black. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "116 MXS" in Black letters.

EMBLEM 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 eagle symbolizes the vision and strength of the unit and its professionalism to serve the United States Air Force. The wrench represents the aircraft maintenance prowess and power.

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

The 116th Maintenance Squadron 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. Maintenance Squadron (MXS) personnel and equipment are organized and trained to provide back shop/intermediate level aircraft maintenance support to the flying program.

The Maintenance Squadron is further divided into the Component Repair and Equipment Maintenance Branches. The Component Repair Branch consists of the Fuel, Hydraulic, Repair and Reclamation, Electro/Environment, Egress, Engine, and Avionics Maintenance Shops. The Equipment Maintenance Branch consists of the Aerospace Ground Equipment, Fabrication, and Munitions Storage Sections. The various disciplines represented in the Maintenance Squadron require a variety of highly skilled aircraft mechanics and other specialists. Because of the large number of personnel required to maintain the complex systems on the B-1B, the Maintenance Squadron has increased its authorized strength to almost 300 persons, making it the largest squadron in the State.

Change and challenge have been the way of life for the 116 MXS. The first challenge was to create a new squadron and establish an identity within the Logistics Group while supporting the operational requirements with a new sister squadron, the 116th Aircraft Generation Squadron. Significant change for the squadron resulted from the announcement that the 116th Fighter Wing would convert from F-15A/B to B-1B and be relocated from Dobbins ARB to Robins AFB, GA.

The 116 MXS 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 alert area "Christmas Tree." MXS facilities consisted of eight buildings scattered all over the base... all temporary locations. Personnel changes were dramatic with the number of full time support employees nearly doubling for the unit. Many of the original members retired or made the decision not to move to central Georgia. Adding to the challenge was the fact that many members of the MXS required a 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 MXS and later validated when the 116th Bomb Wing declared Initial Operational Capability in December 1997.



Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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