

132nd CONSOLIDATED AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



LINEAGE

STATIONS

Des Moines, IA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Dick Larsons
LTC Dave James, 1983
Maj Gordon Martens, 1990

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is the aircraft maintenance activity of the 132nd Tactical Fighter Wing. Supporting the 124th Tactical Fighter Squadron at the Des Moines Air National Guard Base since 1946, we have excelled in both on and off equipment maintenance. We are comprised of the Deputy Commander for Maintenance and his Staff, Organizational, Field, Avionics & Munitions Maintenance branches.

We experienced our first "Wing" deployment in 1985, when all three units deployed together to RAF Waddington. We have traveled to depot level maintenance facilities, computer support bases, participated in test programs, in technical order re-writes, table of allowance reviews, site surveys, and much more.

We entered the computer age. It seems as though it happened overnight. One day the noise from the keypunch machine in the CAM Orderly Room stopped and the next thing you know, computers and terminals were everywhere. The days of pencil whipping AFTO 349's for man-hour accounting are over. Now the shop inputs this data on their computer terminal in a system called Core Automated Maintenance System.

Our facilities have changed too. In addition to several major construction projects, smaller construction and countless self help projects have been completed. No project is too large or too small; not a nook or cranny exists that has not received some sort of "face-lift" during the past ten years. Long gone is the "institution green" paint on the walls and worn out grey office furniture. Our shops and offices are brighter and more pleasant to work in. Several facilities have been totally refurbished through self-help efforts.

We went from 18 PAA to 24 PAA and enjoyed the increased manning authorizations for both full-timer and military personnel.

We deployed to Gulfport PFTS, MS to enjoy the warm gulf weather, fresh oysters, and of course, accomplish our training! Gulfport has always been a favorite for many of us - whether it's the break from the Iowa weather, or fun at the Sugar Mill, most of us have a great time! In March we participated in the Red Flag exercise at Nellis AFB, NV. The hard work required at Red Flag along with Las Vegas hours can be demanding on the body and the pocketbook! In July, we prepared for our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) by deploying to Volk Field, WI for an Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE). Then in August we rotated two groups to Panama in support of Coronet Cove. And lastly, in September, a few lucky folks traveled to Hurlburt Field, FL in support of an Air to Ground Ops School.

Air Force Order of Battle

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