

142nd CONSOLIDATED AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



LINEAGE

142nd Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was allotted and granted federal recognition, 2 Jun 1956

STATIONS

Portland, OR

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj. Aden Cole took command of the 142 CAM Sq.

Maj. Robert Renn, #1960

LTC Noel Kemmerich, #1991

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Immediately after World War II, all aircraft maintenance was performed by mechanics assigned to that squadron. On May 24, 1946, the 123 Utility Flight was formed in order to perform maintenance on support aircraft. Maintenance on the F-51 fighter was accomplished by Detachment A, 242 Air Service Group (Fighter).

A November 1, 1950 reorganization created the 142 Maintenance and Supply Group, and on March 1, 1951, additional reorganization created separate maintenance and supply squadrons. The 142 Maintenance Squadron was activated because of Korea; and unit personnel were dispersed throughout the Air Force. The unit reverted to state control on December 1, 1952. In early 1953 the unit was redesignated the 142 Field Maintenance Squadron. The 142 FMS was inactivated on June 1, 1956.

On June 2, 1956, the 142 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was allotted and granted federal recognition. Under this new concept, all maintenance functions were combined. Since 1956, the squadron has maintained the C-47, C-54, C-131B, C-130A, U-3A, T-33A, F-89, F-94, F/TF-102, F-101B/F, F-4C, and the F-15A.

Tragedy struck late in the year. On Thursday, September 21, 1976 SSgt. Alan Mason was severely burned in a flash fire ignited by fuel venting from an F-101 that he was preflighting. The fast action of his co-workers, security personnel, and an on-scene flight surgeon saved SSgt. Mason's life. His recovery would require years of surgeries and therapy.

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