

354th MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

Provides heavy aircraft maintenance and munitions support to the wing's 22 F-16 and 21 A/OA-10 including engines, avionics, airframes, armament systems, aerospace ground equipment, accessories, ammunition, and test, measurement, and diagnostic equipment. Provides support to transient and special mission aircraft deployed to Eielson AFB. Deploys to support expeditionary air operations worldwide.

LINEAGE

354th Field Maintenance Squadron constituted, 26 Sep 1956

Activated, 19 Nov 1956

Inactivated, 25 Sep 1957

Activated, 20 Sep 1962

Organized, 1 Oct 1962

Inactivated, 1 Dec 1968

Activated, 15 Jun 1970

Redesignated 354th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 1 Jan 1978

354th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron constituted, 30 Aug 1957

Activated, 25 Sep 1957

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Oct 1962

Activated, 1 Dec 1968

Inactivated, 1 Dec 1969

354th Equipment Maintenance Squadron and 354th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 22 Oct 1984. Consolidated unit designated 354th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1992

Redesignated 354th Maintenance Squadron, 1 Aug 1993
Activated, 20 Aug 1993

STATIONS

Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 19 Nov 1956-1 Aug 1968
Kunsan AB, Korea, 1 Aug 1968-1 Dec 1969
Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 15 Jun 1970-1 Oct 1992
Eielson AFB, AK, 20 Aug 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

354th Maintenance and Supply Group, 19 Nov 1956
354th Fighter-Day (later Tactical Fighter) Wing, 25 Sep 1957
113th Tactical Fighter Wing, 22 Apr 1968
354th Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Aug 1968-1 Dec 1969
354th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jun 1970-1 Oct 1992
354th Logistics Group, 20 Aug 1993-8 Jul 2002
354th Maintenance Group, 8 Jul 2002

COMMANDERS

LTC William C. Crager, 19 Nov 1956
LTC Rex T. Barber, 25 Sep 1957
LTC Blanton J. Clark, 17 Mar 1958
Cpt Robert G. Eiden, 9 Mar 1959
LTC George V. Lana, 22 Jun 1959
Maj Charles H. Spencer, 5 Jan 1960
LTC James B Richards Jr., 6 Sep 1960
Maj Robert G. Eiden, 13 Apr 1961
LTC (later Col) Ludien K. Cox, 29 Jan 1962
Maj Robert G. Eiden, 1 Jul 1964
Maj Vernon W. Hodges, 1 Aug 1965
1Lt Robert T. Pinnizotto, 15 Nov 1965
2Lt Ronald C. Smith, 2 May 1966
CWO Charles P. Amrock, 2 Aug 1966
Maj Raymond F. Needham, 27 Oct 1966
1Lt Ronald C. Smith, 26 Feb 1967
2Lt Roger G. Steen, 19 Oct 1967
Cpt Duane K. Slater, 22 Apr-1 Dec 1968
Cpt Duane K. Slater, 15 Jun 1970
LTC Curtis S. Clauson, 11 Jan 1971
Maj (later LTC) John D. Taylor, 3 Apr 1973
Maj Henry L. Lavender, 14 Apr 1975
LTC William H. Means, 26 Jul 1976
Maj Richard E. Mertz, 29 Jul 1977
Maj Thomas W. Wadzinski, 1 Dec 1977

Maj Frederick E. Booth, 15 Jun 1978
Maj James J. Johnson, Sep 1979
LTC Victor Vizcarra, Nov 1979
LTC Phillip M. McAtee, 30 Jan 1981
LTC Lawrence E. Wagy, 20 Apr 1982
Maj Guadalupe B. Vega, 6 May 1984
LTC Richard D. Bristow, 7 Mar 1986
LTC David N. Gay, 7 Jun 1987
Maj William N. Flannigan, 2 Jul 1989
Maj William J. Ramsey, 17 Jul 1990
Maj Peter M. O'Neill, 6 Sep 1991-1 Oct 1992
LTC Richard L. Eyestone, 20 Aug 1993
Maj Vernon D. Singleton, 21 Jul 1994
Maj Darrell S. Mosley, 10 May 1996
Cpt Dave B. Morgan, 11 Jul 1998
LTC Lester T. Henley IV, 30 Jul 1998
LTC Sean P. Cassidy, 15 Nov 1999
Maj David W. Brown, 9 Nov 2000
LTC Perry Oaks, 1 Nov 2002
Maj Kevin J. Gulden, 21 Jan 2003
LTC Mark C. Murphy, 20 Jul 2005

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation

10 Oct 1972-30 Apr 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1962-31 Dec 1963

15 Jun 1970-31 May 1972

1 May 1974-30 Apr 1976

1 May 1976-31 May 1977

1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1987

1 May 1990-15 Mar 1992

20 Aug-1 Sep 1993

11 Sep 2000-10 Sep 2002

17 Sep 2003-16 Sep 2005

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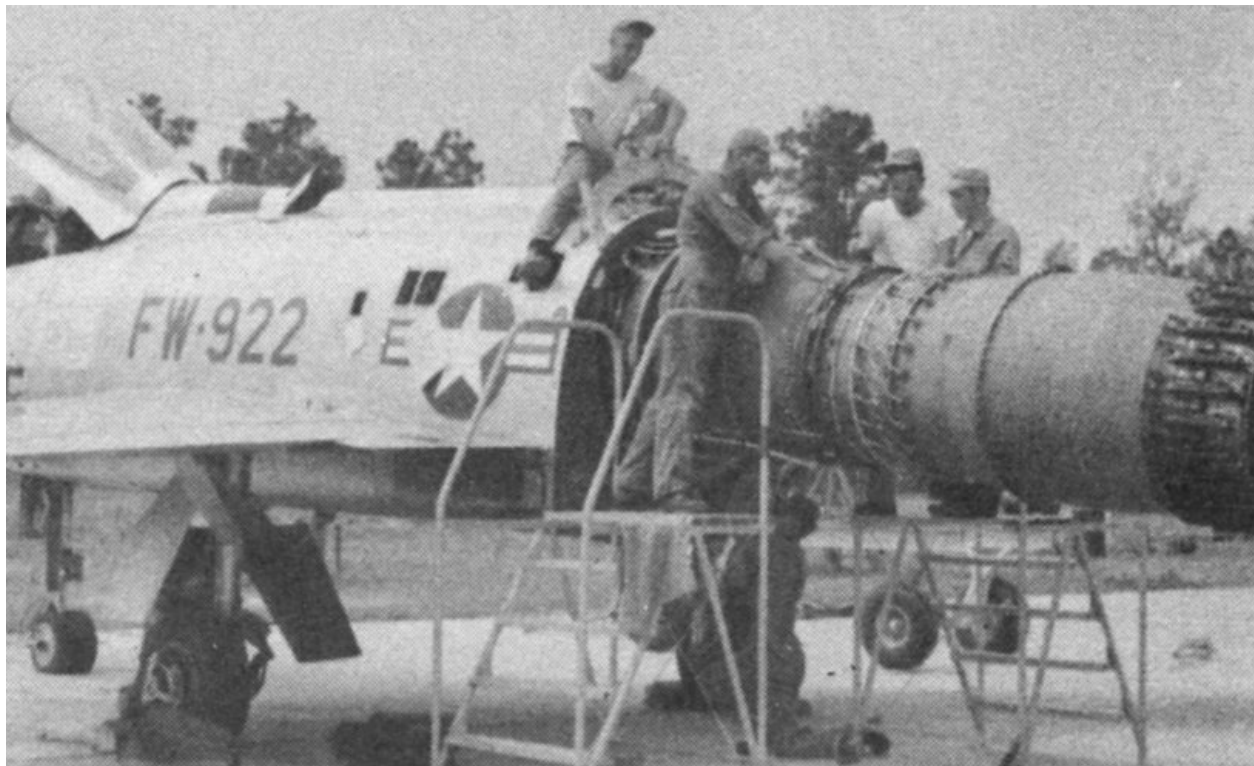
On a gold disc a blue chief nebuly to base and overall between in chief three gold lightning bolts, one in pale, two forming a reverse chevron and in base a blue star, a gold chevron fimbriated blue bearing four chevronels, light blue, blue, red, and green; all within a narrow gold border. Below the emblem a blue scroll edged gold and inscribed in gold capital letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron, with the gold signifying the excellence required of assigned personnel and the blue representing the sky, primary theater of Air Force operations. The chevron symbolizes the unit's strength in support of the tactical mission of its parent wing, and the chevronels include the Wing's colors. The lightning bolts in the chief nebuly (symbols of clouds) refer to action in combat and the squadron's instantaneous response to ground support requirements of the tactical mission. The star in base denotes the squadron's Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards. The unit's numerical designation is indicated by the three lightning bolts, five points of the AFOUA star, and four chevronels. The emblem bears the Air Force colors, gold and ultramarine blue. (Approved, 12 Aug 1966)

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OPERATIONS



354th Field Maintenance Squadron personnel install an engine in an F-100 . (USAF photo)



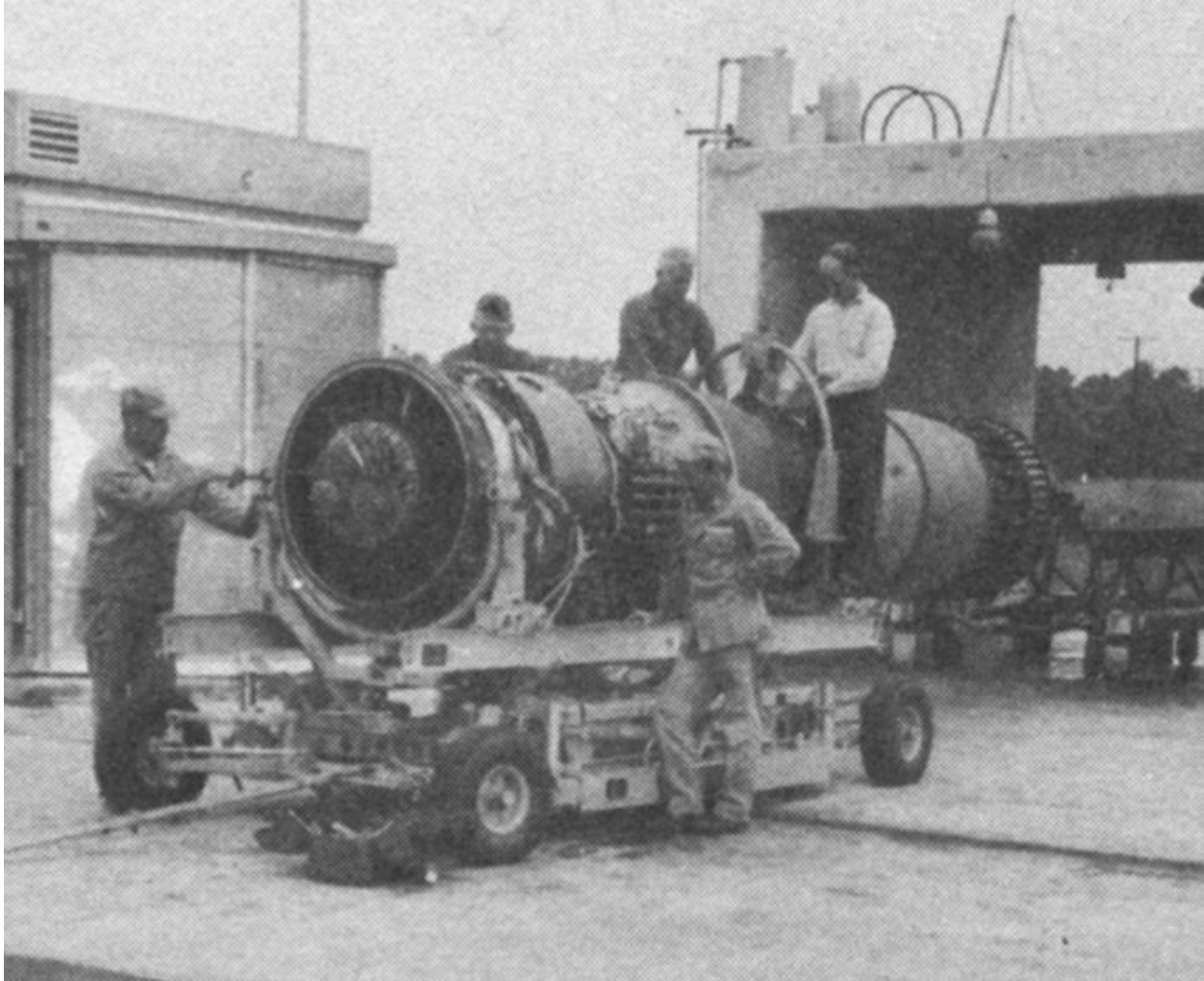
354th Field Maintenance Squadron personnel service an F-100 at Myrtle Beach AFB. (USAF photo)



354th Field Maintenance Squadron personnel service an F-100. (USAF photo)



354th Field Maintenance Squadron personnel service a T-33. (USAF photo)



354th Field Maintenance Squadron personnel working on an F-100 engine. (USAF photo)

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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