

# 442 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

442 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

## STATIONS

Whiteman AFB, MO

## ASSIGNMENTS

442 Maintenance Group

## COMMANDERS

Lt Col Alan Priest, 2005

Lt Col David J. Black

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, a lightning bolt bendwise Or, surmounted by an American bald eagle throughout couped at its wings Proper, grasping in its sinister talon a bomb bendwise Proper garnished Argent and grasping in its dexter talon a mechanic's wrench bendwise Proper garnished of the last, all within a narrow Yellow border. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "DEFORMIS MANE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "442 AMXS" in Yellow 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 bald eagle characterizes providing close air support. The wrench clinched in the right talon portrays hard work, dedication and skill. The bomb held in the left talon represents power and capabilities.. (Approved, 8 Feb 2021)

The 442d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron emblem consists of three distinctive elements, each symbolizing a unique aspect of the squadron. The emblem consists of a bald eagle with a wrench in one talon and a generic shape bomb in the other, Air Force yellow lightning bolt and an Air Force blue background. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The bald eagle speaks to how we provide close air support and sense of comfort to our comrades on the ground. Like the bald eagle, we provide aircraft that attack their prey from the sky. The wrench clenched in the right talon symbolizes the hard work, dedication, and skill of all the maintainers in the squadron who work diligently and with tenacity to keep the aircraft in the skies. The generic shape bomb clenched in the left talon symbolizes the destruction and intimidating force we dispense upon those who oppose the United States. Like a bald eagle symbolizing freedom for the citizens of the United States, the eagle on this emblem is also representative of the freedom and safety we provide to our comrades on the ground; picking off our prey with precision and giving our troop "eyes in the sky." The Air Force yellow lightning bolt represents the rapidness and precision of our aircraft to the area of responsibility that we are often called to support. Moving at lightning speed, we are a destructive and turbulent force to our enemies. The third element, the Air Force blue background, symbolizes the sky in which our close air support missions take place; a hallmark of our squadron.

## MOTTO

DEFORMIS MANE--Ugly Early

## **OPERATIONS**

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