

3 MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

3 Maintenance Squadron, Bombardment, Light, constituted, 10 Aug 1948
Activated, 18 Aug 1948
Redesignated 3 Maintenance Squadron, 1 Mar 1950
Redesignated 3 Field Maintenance Squadron, 8 Nov 1954
Discontinued and inactivated, 8 Jan 1964
Activated, 8 Jan 1964
Organized, 9 Jan 1964
Redesignated 3 Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 1 Jun 1977
Redesignated 3 Maintenance Squadron, 19 Dec 1991
Redesignated 3 Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 1 Oct 1993
Redesignated 3 Maintenance Squadron, 3 Jun 2011

STATIONS

Yokota AB, Japan, 18 Aug 1948
Johnson AB, Japan, 1 Apr 1950
Yokota AB, Japan, 14 Aug 1950
Iwakuni AB, Japan, 1 Dec 1950
Kunsan AB, South Korea, 11 Aug 1951
Johnson AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1954
Yokota AB, Japan, 18 Nov 1960-8 Jan 1964
England AFB, LA, 9 Jan 1964-8 Nov 1965
Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 8 Nov 1965

Kunsan AB, South Korea, 15 Mar 1971
Clark AB, Philippines, 16 Sep 1974
Elmendorf AFB, AK, 19 Dec 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

3 Maintenance and Supply Group, 18 Aug 1948
3 Bombardment Wing, Tactical, 25 Oct 1957-8 Jan 1964
3 Tactical Fighter Wing, 9 Jan 1964
3 Logistics (later, 3 Maintenance) Group, 19 Dec 1991

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Korea

UN Summer-Fall Offensive

Second Korean Winter

Korea, Summer-Fall, 1952

Third Korean Winter

Korea, Summer, 1953

Vietnam

Vietnam Defense

Vietnam Air

Vietnam Air Offensive

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II

Vietnam Air/Ground

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV

Tet 69/Counteroffensive

Vietnam Summer/Fall, 1969

Vietnam Winter/Spring, 1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive

Southwest Monsoon

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Vietnam)

8 Jun 1966-16 Apr 1967

6 Mar 1968-31 Jul 1969

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

31 Jan-5 Mar 1968

1 Aug 1969-20 Jan 1970

21 Jan-31 Oct 1970

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1958-30 Jun 1960

1 Jul 1960-31 Mar 1962

1 May 1964-16 Jul 1965

1 Jul 1972-31 Dec 1973

3 Apr-31 May 1975

1 May 1980-30 Apr 1982

22 Mar-1 Apr 1986

1 Jan 1989-1 Jun 1990

1 Jan 1994-31 Dec 1995

1 Jan 1996-30 Sep 1998

1 Jan 2000-31 Dec 2001

1 Jan 2002-30 Sep 2003

1 Oct 2003-30 Sep 2005

1 Oct 2005-1 Nov 2006

2 Nov 2008-1 Nov 2009

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

27 Jun-31 Jul 1950

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm

25 Nov 1965-19 May 1969

1 Apr 1966-[31 Oct 1970]

1 May-30 Sep 1970

EMBLEM



A disc edged with a narrow blue border, the upper portion divided vertically into two halves, dark blue to dexter and light blue to sinister; on the dark blue portion a white moon above three red flight symbols in a diagonal ascent each trailing three light blue trails; on the light blue issuing from sinister a yellow rayed sun surmounted by two white missiles in saltire, detailed dark blue; overall issuing from base a stylized mountain surmounted by a screwdriver and wrench in saltire beneath a gear, all white detailed dark blue. Attached above the disc, a blue scroll edged with a narrow yellow border and inscribed "MOBILE – ALERT – READY" in yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a blue scroll edged with a narrow yellow border and inscribed "3RD EQUIP MAINT SQ" in yellow letters. Our emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its primary mission and indicates a deterrent force for peace. The divided background of light and dark blue with corresponding moon and sun represents the unit's 24 hour capability. The three symbols of flight represent the numerical designation of the wing and the three maintenance squadrons under the wing. The crossed missiles represent the primary objective of the squadron and the wing. The lower foreground of Mt. Arayat symbolizes the maintenance effort of the squadron. The motto indicates willingness and preparedness to execute the assigned mission.



MOTTO

OPERATIONS

In the days following the Tet offensive, 3 FMS personnel endured many rocket attacks. One such attack on 11 February 1968 killed SSgt Andrew E. Lebeau--the only death attributable to enemy action experienced by the squadron.

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