

# **18<sup>th</sup> MAINTENANCE SQUADRON**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

18<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron, Fighter, SE  
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## **STATIONS**

Clark AFB, Philippines, 14 Aug 1948-1 Dec 1950  
Chinhae, South Korea  
Suwon AB, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950-9 Dec 1950  
Osan-Ni AB, South Korea, 12 Feb 1953-30 Oct 1954

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## NICKNAME

## OPERATIONS

Now that we look back on the past year in Korea, it can be stated that the 18th's Maintenance Squadron certainly pulled their share in making our Wing the outstanding unit that it is today.

Major Tarr, Major Bill Myers, Sgt Shand, and a host of other names are indelibly etched on our memories as the type of men who helped make us a great outfit.

We've set a few records, too. A complete wing change in 350 man-hours with M/Sgt Cowell and his crew humping every minute. Captain Vinson's mentoring our various teams netted us such titles as Dogpatch Softball Champs, Far East Badminton Champions, and so on down the line. Captain Duffy's Flight Test Section racked up 400 flying hours without an accident, and that's nothing but good!

Remember the time last winter when Major Bill and Sgt Shand's six-man calvage crew batted one thousand by pulling four stranded birds right from under the commies' noses.

Of course we'll never forget Lt. Col. "Swede" Carlson, the World War II Ace, who had the honor of downing a MIG with his Mustang. Swede would sweep through the hangars like a whirlwind, alternately chewing out and passing out sincere "Damn good Job, Sarge".

Yes, the ol' 18th's broken a lot of records and set some new ones in the process. The pages that follow are just a small reflection of the personalities and activities of our squadron. With pardonable pride we can say that the Maintenance men helped make the TRUCKBUSTING 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing.



18<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron members watch as an artist puts the final touches on the Squadron's emblem.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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