

# **1603 MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY GROUP**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

1603 Maintenance and Supply Group

## **STATIONS**

Wheelus AB, Libya

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col T. H. Schnebly

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The assigned units were reorganized and a wing structure was established. The 1603d Medical Group was formed plus the 1603d Air Base Group, which had jurisdiction over the 1603d Air Police Squadron, the 1603d Installation Squadron, and the 1603d Food Service Squadron. In May

1952, the 1603d Maintenance and Supply Group was formed to supervise the 1603d Maintenance Squadron, the 1603d Supply Squadron, and the 1603d Motor Vehicle Squadron.

Key administration point for the functioning of Aircraft Maintenance, Supply and Motor Vehicle units on Wheelus is Headquarters, 1603d Maintenance and Supply Group.

Commanded by Lt. Col. T. H. Schnebly, M&S Group Headquarters maintains records and supervises the overall duties of 500 airmen and officers, plus 300 civilian workers.

Its key mission, with the squadrons and personnel, is to supply supporting services to assigned base units and tenant units. Under the group commander's control are the commissary, laundry, clothing sales, POL activities, munitions and salvage.

Four officers and 11 airmen are assigned to the operation of this section

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