

## 23 COMPONENT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE<sup>1</sup>

23 Armament and Electronics Maintenance Squadron constituted and activated, 28 Jan 1964

Organized, 8 Feb 1964

Discontinued and inactivated, 20 Apr 1968

Redesignated 23 Avionics Maintenance Squadron, 27 Apr 1972

Activated, 1 Jul 1972

Redesignated 23<sup>rd</sup> Component Repair Squadron, 1 Jul 1977

Inactivated, 1 Jun 1992

Redesignated 23<sup>rd</sup> Component Maintenance Squadron, 10 Aug 2007

Activated, 1 Oct 2007

### STATIONS

McCConnell AFB, KS, 8 Feb 1964-20 Apr 1968

England AFB, LA, 1 Jul 1972-1 Jun 1992

Moody AFB, GA, 1 Oct 2007

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<sup>1</sup> Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, Alabama.  
Air Force News. Air Force Public Affairs Agency.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Tactical Air Command, 28 Jan 1964  
23 Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Feb 1964- 20 Apr 1968  
23 Tactical Fighter (later, 23 Fighter) Wing, 1 Jul 1972-1 Jun 1992  
23 Maintenance Group, 1 Oct 2007

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Michael Irwin

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
1 Jul 1980-30 Jun 1981  
1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1983  
1 Apr 1989-31 Mar 1991

## **EMBLEM**

Approved, 13 Aug 1979

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 23rd Component Maintenance Squadron, here, utilized the week of Jan. 23-27 to begin assessing ways to better support the A-10C Thunderbolt II's increased flying mission. The goal was to decrease the scheduled 28 days it currently takes to disassemble, repair and reassemble the TF-34 engine used in A-10s by at least two days. "Being able to make improvements and capture these efficiencies will have a huge impact on the Air Force," said Master Sgt. Matthew Price, the 23rd CMS aerospace propulsion craftsman and team leader of the overhaul event. "Currently Moody does it best, that's already known, but what we're doing is taking the opportunity to reassess what we're doing and see if we can do it (even) better."

Maj. Michael Irwin, the 23rd CMS commander, said he tasked Price with gathering the best and brightest Airmen he had accessible. About 20 civilians and Airmen from almost every enlisted rank gathered in a conference room to brainstorm new ideas. "The younger minds in this room have a different way of looking at things and like my dad used to always say, 'there's more than one way to skin a cat,'" Irwin said. "So we're looking for that (new) way." Newer processes to maintain the A-10s have continuously been implemented over the years from past continuous process improvements. "This is a follow-up to a (CPI) event we did in early 2013," Irwin said. "To this day, I think we're still seeing some of the benefit(s) from that event on our line."

A-10 pilots are aware and grateful for having one of the “best” maintenance teams in the A-10 community. “Minimizing the time aircraft are down, maximizes the time we can utilize it for training (in preparation) for combat operations. Our maintenance folks do a fantastic job at getting aircraft ready for us, and then keeping them ready at all times,” said Lt. Col. Nicholas Dicapua, the 75th Fighter Squadron director of operations. “The work they have done since I’ve been the director of operations has been unparalleled.” While Price said Moody’s maintenance team is already top tier, that doesn’t deter him from believing his Airmen can make the process better by finding quicker and more efficient methods of conducting business. “We want to seize the opportunity to reduce the overall flow time, and I think we’re going to be able to do that easily so this could have a significant impact,” Price said. Representatives from Air Combat Command at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, traveled to Moody AFB to participate in the continuous process improvement event.