

## 40 MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE SQUADRON (THEATER)



### MISSION

The 40 MMS(T) mission was to store conventional munitions as theater assets. In addition, the squadron assumed responsibility for USAFE Harvest Eagle bare base kits on 31 December 1975, when the Air Force inactivated Detachment 3, 40th Tactical Group. The Harvest Eagle Branch moved to Aviano in 1986 and reassigned to the 40th Tactical Group. Since then the squadron's primary mission has involved maintaining the capability to receive, store, maintain, protect, dispose of, and prepare for the redistribution of non-nuclear munitions in support of the USAP in the Mediterranean area.

### LINEAGE

40 Aviation Depot Squadron constituted 5 Dec 1956

Activated, 1 Jan 1957

Redesignated 40 Munitions Maintenance Squadron, 1 Jul 1960

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1972

40 Ammunition Supply Squadron constituted 15 Aug 1972

Activated, 8 Oct 1972

40 Munitions Maintenance Squadron and 40 Ammunition Supply Squadron consolidated, 1 May 1986

Consolidated unit designated 40 Munitions Maintenance Squadron (Theater), 15 May 1986

Inactivated

### STATIONS

Plattsburgh AFB, NY, 1 Jan 1957-30 Sep 1972

Camp Darby, Leghorn, Italy, 8 Oct 1972

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

820 Air Base (later, 820 Combat Support) Group, 1 Jan 1957

380 Combat Support Group, 1 Jan 1960

380 Bombardment Wing, Medium (later, 380 Strategic Aerospace Wing; 380 Bombardment Wing, Medium), 1 Jul 1960-30 Sep 1972

40 Tactical Group, 8 Oct 1972

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

[8] Oct 1972-30 Apr 1973

6 May-31 Dec 1976

1 Jun 1978-31 May 1980

1 Jul 1982-30 Jun 1984

### **EMBLEM**

ON a blue disc edged with a narrow black border a yellow sunburst surmounted to sinister by a stylized gray demi-eagle edged black, in dexter base a black bomb highlighted white and enflamed red. Attached above the disc a white scroll edged black and inscribed with the squadron motto PREPARED in black letters. Attached below the disc a blank white scroll edged black. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron the USAF colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow are used in the design. The blue background alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, and yellow to the sun and excellence of squadron personnel in mission performance. The blue and yellow also indicate day and night, 24-hour readiness and the constant capability of the squadron to comply with mission requirements. The ordnance symbol is representative of the variety of conventional weapon systems maintained by the squadron. The eagle symbol is representative of the Harvest Eagle barebase WRM assets maintained by the squadron. The sunburst symbolizes the excellence of squadron personnel, unity of personnel supporting both prime squadron missions and the multifaceted aspects of the squadron mission. (Approved, 29 Sep 1980)

### **MOTTO**

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### **OPERATION**

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