

## 42<sup>nd</sup> ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

42 Organizational Maintenance Squadron ensured that the B-52Gs and the KC-135As assigned to Loring were mechanically sound and operational ready to meet the SAC's Mission contingencies. The squadron was organized into five branches: bomber, tanker, support, alert, and inspection.

The bulk of the operations were conducted by the line maintenance people, in the bomber and tanker branches. The men and women virtually lived with their assigned aircraft and devoted painstaking efforts to see to the detailed needs of those aircraft.

The support branch people made sure every effort to provide the flight line people the proper tools and equipment to adequately service their aircraft. In the alert branch, several very experienced maintenance supervisors oversaw the 24-hour vigil that aircraft maintenance crews performed. Maintenance supervision oversaw the combined maintenance efforts in the squadron.

### **LINEAGE**

42 Periodic Maintenance Squadron  
Redesignated 42 Organizational Maintenance Squadron

### **STATIONS**

Limestone AFB, (later Loring AFB) 25 Feb 1953

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

### **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Edward E. Estey,

Lt Col A. Z. Bessant, #1963

**HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**

**MOTTO**

**OPERATIONS**

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