

48 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

48 Organizational Maintenance Squadron constituted and activated, 14 May 1964

Organized, 1 Jul 1964

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jan 1966

Activated, 1 Feb 1972

Redesignated 48 Aircraft Generation Squadron, 31 Aug 1981

Inactivated, 31 Mar 1992

Redesignated 48 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 10 Jul 2002

Activated, 25 Sep 2002

STATIONS

RAF Lakenheath, England, 1 Jul 1964–1 Jan 1966; 1 Feb 1972–31 Mar 1992; 25 Sep 2002

ASSIGNMENTS

United States Air Forces in Europe, 14 May 1964

48 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1964–1 Jan 1966

48 Tactical Fighter (later, 48 Fighter) Wing, 1 Feb 1972–31 Mar 1992

48 Maintenance Group, 25 Sep 2002

COMMANDERS

Capt Gerald R. Larson, 1 Jul 1964 – 1 Jan 1966
Maj Norman H. Rushton, 1 Feb 1972
Lt Col Donald M. Kastilahn, 1 Sep 1972
Lt Col Robert M. Greene, 22 Jul 1974
Lt Col James C. Forrest, 31 Jul 1976
Lt Col Albert R. Schmidt, 11 Jul 1977
Lt Col Robert C. Carroll, 20 Jun 1980
Lt Col Robert A. Defee, 18 Jun 1982
Maj John N. Edenfield, 11 Jun 1983
Lt Col Larry C. Souder, 1 Oct 1984
Maj John G. Griest, 18 Mar 1985
Maj Frank E. Pruisssmann, 25 May 1986
Lt Col Daniel G. Joyce, 21 Sep 1987
Maj Walter W. Saeger, Jr., 20 Mar 1989
Maj Robert M. Ferrera, 18 Jul 1990 – 31 Mar 1992
Lt Col Stephen P. Sheehy, 25 Sep 2002
Lt Col Alvin Porter, 13 Jun 2003
Lt Col Matthew Kmon, 1 Jul 2004
Maj Keith Compton, 5 Jul 2006
Maj Matthew C. Finnegan, 18 Jan 2008

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards:

14 Oct 1976 – 31 Dec 1977

1 Apr 1978 – 31 Mar 1980

1 Jul 1984 – 30 Jun 1986

1 Jul 1986 – 30 Jun 1988

1 Jul 1988 – 30 Jun 1990

20 Aug 1990 – 11 May 1991

1 Oct 2002 – 30 Sep 2004

1 Oct 2004 – 31 Oct 2005

1 Nov 2005 – 31 Dec 2006

EMBLEM



The emblem is symbolic of the unit, the Air Force, and the national colors. The color blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, and yellow to the sun and the excellence of personnel in assigned tasks. The hand is representative of Air Force personnel carrying the torch of freedom. The stars allude to the aerospace medium in which Air Force operations are carried out. The lightning bolt represents the striking power of the United States Air Force. (Approved, 14 Nov 1972)

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OPERATIONS

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