

4015 ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

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LINEAGE

4015 Organizational Maintenance Squadron

STATIONS

Bergstrom AFB, TX, 24 May 1950-13 Nov 1950

Bergstrom AFB, TX, 6 Jul 1951-16 Jun 1952

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 4015th Organizational Maintenance squadron is the "hub" of the specialized maintenance program.

The 4015th operates the 27th's "maintenance docks" — here in the Far East a part of the parking

apron, an outdoors area with no protection against weather. It is the maintenance docks that the pseudo-assembly line effect becomes obvious.

In the Maintenance Control section of Group operations, First Lieutenant Douglas Ames maintains a scheduling chart on all aircraft assigned to the Wing. When an aircraft is due for the 50-hour or 100-hour inspection, the Lieutenant pulls it from the flight line and schedules it for the maintenance docks.

The scheduled aircraft is towed from the flight line to a wash rack, where it is cleaned prior to inspection. From the wash rack, the plane progresses to the maintenance docks.

The 4015th maintains eight docks, which are supervised by First Lieutenant Clifford Wakefield. Assisting Lieutenant Wakefield are three enlisted airmen. They are: M/Sgt. Eugene Janyssek, the line chief; and M/Sgts. Albert Brown and Marion Iddings.

Each of the eight maintenance docks has a crew of six specialists, Air Force-trained technicians that know their jobs. When the Thunderjet moves into one of the docks, the six specialists begin immediately disassembling the plane for the inspection.

Even as the 4015th specialists are dismantling the Thunderjets, working with the crew chiefs of the aircraft, technicians from the 27th Maintenance squadron are removing the armament and communications systems from the plane. These systems will be checked and overhauled in the Maintenance Squadron's shops.

The dock crews methodically go about the inspection, each man with an assigned phase to cover, covering his own phase with the confidence and speed of many previous inspections. In a minimum time, the aircraft is disassembled, the inspection made, reassembled and readied for an "O.K." from the Inspection Department.

Warrant Officer (JG) John H. Abjornson and M/Sgt. John Barbera head the Inspection Department of the 4015th program. Both are veteran maintenance men, with years of aircraft engine training behind them. After a double-check on the dock crew's labors, the two inspectors release the aircraft for test flight.

When test flight is accomplished, the Thunderjet is boresighted (the six 50-caliber machine guns zeroed in) and returned to the 27th Fighter-Escort Group ready for combat.

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