

## 60 COMPONENT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

60 Communications and Electronics Maintenance Squadron constituted, 27 Dec 1965  
Activated, 8 Jan 1966  
Redesignated 60 Avionics Maintenance Squadron, 8 Apr 1969  
Redesignated 60 Component Repair Squadron, 1 Aug 1990  
Redesignated 60 Component Maintenance Squadron, 1 Oct 2002  
Inactivated, 2008

### STATIONS

Travis AFB, CA, 8 Jan 1966

### ASSIGNMENTS

60 Maintenance Group

### COMMANDERS

Lt Col Jerry Helms

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## Decorations

### EMBLEM



### MOTTO

#### OPERATIONS

On June 6 2008, the men and women of the 60th Component Maintenance Squadron and the 60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron will trade in their old squadron hats for new ones reading 60 MXS, representing the activated 60th Maintenance Squadron.

Both squadrons will consolidate in order to meet the changes to Travis' force structure, reduction in manning and better utilization of assets and manpower toward the Global War on Terrorism. The merger order calls for an inactivation of 60th CMS and a redesignation of 60th EMS to 60th MXS. Both squadrons have experience with realignments and share a rich history at Travis.

"In today's environment, we're all looking for ways to keep our heads above water and make the mission happen every day," Major Huester said. "Our challenge in the next few years is to effectively swing capability to where it is needed most. Merging squadrons combines critical and increasingly scarce back-shop resources under one umbrella and allows us to better meet the varied needs of our three airframes and the people that support them."

From the production perspective, aspects of the merger will immediately be beneficial. Various agencies supporting C-17 and KC-10 scheduled maintenance will now fall under one roof, opening the door for improved communication, coordination and prioritization which should ultimately translate into decreased aircraft inspection flow times, improved flightline support and the timely return of mission-ready airframes back to the fight.

From the people aspect, there will be myriad typical integration challenges. Making that task easier is the fact that though both squadrons have their own long-established cultures, they do share the same goals -- adapting and overcoming in a rapidly changing environment as well as making the Travis and AMC mission happen each and every day.

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