

## 60 MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

60 Maintenance Squadron, Troop Carrier, Medium, constituted and activated, 1 Jul 1948  
Redesignated 60 Maintenance, Troop Carrier, Heavy, 5 Nov 1948  
Redesignated 60 Maintenance, Troop Carrier, Medium, 16 Nov 1949  
Redesignated 60 Maintenance, 1 Mar 1950  
Redesignated 60 Field Maintenance Squadron, 15 Nov 1954  
Redesignated 60 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 12 Mar 1957  
Inactivated, 25 Sep 1958  
Redesignated 60 Field Maintenance Squadron and activated, 27 Dec 1965  
Organized, 8 Jan 1966  
Redesignated 60 Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 1 Aug 1990  
Redesignated 60 Maintenance Squadron, 10 Jul 2008.

### STATIONS

Kaufbeuren AFB, Germany, 1 Jul 1948  
Rhein-Main AFB, Germany, 10 Feb 1949  
Wiesbaden AFB (later, AB) Germany, 26 May 1949  
Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 2 Jun 1951  
Dreux AB, France, 13 Oct 1955-25 Sep 1958

Travis AFB, CA, 8 Jan 1966

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

60 Maintenance and Supply Group, 1 Jul 1948  
60 Troop Carrier Wing, 12 Mar 1957-25 Sep 1958  
60 Military Airlift Wing, 8 Jan 1966  
60 Military Airlift Group, 6 Mar 1978  
60 Military Airlift Wing, 15 Feb 1979  
60 Logistics Group, 1 Nov 1991  
60 Maintenance Group, 1 Oct 2002

### **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Van W. Jones, 8 Jan 1966-1967  
Lt Col Robert E. Gibson, 1968  
Lt Col Rupert S. Richardson, 28 Jun 1969  
Lt Col Iver C. Vollmer, 1 Oct 1970  
Lt Col Donald L. Olson, 1971-1972  
Lt Col Omar G. Snyder, 1972-1975  
Lt Col Stanley P. Knickerbocker, 1976-1977  
Lt Col John R. Beard, 1977  
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Lt Col John R. Beard, 5 Sep 1978  
Lt Col Robert C. Polk, 1980  
Lt Col Bruce C. Bogart, 1981  
Lt Col George A. Ward, 22 Dec 1981  
Lt Col John A. Schneider, 18 Apr 1983  
Lt Col Thomas M. Thompson, 15 Jun 1984  
Lt Col Donald C. McAllister, 11 Apr 1986  
Maj Lawrence L. Allen, 6 Jun 1988  
Lt Col Donald A. Philpitt, Aug 1988  
Lt Col Russell H. Brown, 1991  
Lt Col Roderick E. McDonald, 1 Jul 1991  
Lt Col Billy Lakes, 28 Jul 1994  
Maj Cheryl A. West, 18 Oct 1996  
Lt Col Keith D. Frede, 10 Aug 1998  
Lt Col Christopher Mardis, 2000  
Lt Col Steven B. Hardy, 12 Jul 2002  
Maj Charles S. Nesemeier, 7 Jul 2004  
Lt Col Sandy J. Richardson, 22 Jun 2006  
Lt Col Heinz H. Huester, 1 Jul 2008  
Lt Col Brian K. Daniels, 14 Dec 2009  
Maj Jesse B. Bogart, 26 May 2010  
Maj Andrew J. Levien, 6 Jul 2010  
Maj Duane E. Richardson, 27 Jun 2012

Lt Col Fencisco N. Harris, 10 Jul 2014  
Lt Col Claudio G. Covacci, 15 Jul 2016  
Lt Col Robert T. Corsi, 13 Jul 2018

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

Medal for Humane Action: Berlin Airlift Streamer, 26 Jun 1948 – 30 Sep 1949  
Global War on Terrorism Service (GWOT-S) Streamer, 15 July 2016.

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Meritorious Unit Award  
1 Jul 2005 – 31 Jun 2007

### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

8 Jan-30 Jun 1966  
1 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1967  
1 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1968  
1 Jul 1974-30 Jun 1975  
1 Jul 1975-30 Jun 1977  
1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985  
16 Dec 1989-31 Jan 1990  
1 Jul 1990-30 Jun 1992  
1 Nov 1993-31 Jul 1995  
1 Aug 1995-30 Jul 1997  
1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999  
1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2000  
1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2001  
1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003  
1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2004  
1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2005  
1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2009  
1 Jul 2009-30 Jun 2010  
1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2012  
1 Jul 2012-30 Jun 2013  
1 Jul 2013-30 Jun 2014  
1 Jul 2014-30 Jun 2015  
1 Jul 2015-30 Jun 2016  
1 Jul 2017-30 Jun 2018

## **EMBLEM**



60<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron emblem: On a disc Azure, a demi-globe Vert gridlined of the field issuing from base charged with a Phoenix rising Gules emerging from flames Proper, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disk, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "PROUD AND DETERMINED" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disk, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "60TH MAINTENANCE SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The Phoenix, a legendary bird that consumed itself by fire and rose renewed, represents the history of the Squadron. The globe, from the emblem of the Air Mobility Command, refers to the command that the Squadron supports. (Approved, 16 Jul 2008)

## **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 reactivated 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 Globemaster III and KC-10 Extender 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.

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