

86 MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

86 Air Base Squadron (Special) constituted, 6 Aug 1941
Activated, 1 Aug 1941
Redesignated 86 Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, 13 Jun 1942
Disbanded, 30 Apr 1944
Reconstituted and redesignated 86 Air Base Squadron, 3 Jan 1952
Activated, 1 Feb 1952
Inactivated, 16 Feb 1953
Redesignated 86 Logistics Support Squadron and activated, 1 May 1991
Redesignated 86 Maintenance Operations Squadron, 27 Sep 2002
Inactivated,

STATIONS

Goodfellow Field, TX, 1 Aug 1941
Perrin Field, TX, 6 Nov 1941-30 Apr 1944
Paine AFB, WA, 1 Feb 1952-16 Feb 1953
Ramstein AB, Germany, 1 May 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

85 Air Base Group (Special), 1 Aug 1941
Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training Center (later, Army Air Forces Central Flying Training Command), 27 Jun 1942-30 Apr 1944
Western Air Defense Force, 1 Feb 1952
4704 Defense Wing, 6 Feb 1952-16 Feb 1953
86 Logistics Group, 1 May 1991

86 Maintenance Group, 27 Sep 2002

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1997

24 Mar-10 Jun 1999

1 Jan 2000-31 Dec 2001

1 Jan-31 Dec 2002

1 Jan-31 Dec 2003

1 Nov 2005-31 Dec 2006

1 Jan-31 Dec 2007

1 Jan-31 Dec 2008

1 Jul 2009-31 Dec 2010

EMBLEM

On a disc quarterly Or and Azure, in the first quarter three mullets arched to dexter chief of the second, overall a stylized dragon's head in profile Vert, eyed and langued Gules, armed Argent, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "PER ARDUA AD ASTRA" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "86 MOS" in Black 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 Squadron develops wing flying and maintenance schedules for wing aircraft and the rearing dragon represents how the unit protects the operators and their aircraft. The contrasting colors with stars not only reflect the Air Force mission but also represent the unit's willingness to work day and night to achieve combat capability. (Approved, 18 Sep 2008)

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"PER ARDUA AD ASTRA--Through Adversity to the Stars

OPERATIONS

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