

114th AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

MISSION

The 114th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron services, inspects, maintains, launches, recovers assigned and transient aircraft and ensures all mobility requirements are met. The 114th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron includes activities that generate sorties and train personnel to generate sorties, and is predominantly accomplished in an on-equipment environment.

LINEAGE

114th Aircraft Generation Squadron
Redesignated 114th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

STATIONS

Sioux Falls, SD

ASSIGNMENTS

114th Maintenance Group

COMMANDERS

Maj Craig A. Larsen
LT. COL. GREG ANDERSON
MAJ KELLY PETERSON

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 114th Aircraft Generation Squadron has one of the shortest, but perhaps one of the most interesting, histories on base. The concept for the AGS began in January 1993 as the South Dakota Air National Guard was selected to serve as an informal test unit for the Air National Guard's conversion to the Objective Wing concept. The basis for this concept was to align control for all facets of aircraft maintenance and flying operations under a single commander. The Air Force divided its former aircraft maintenance operations into two divisions.

One division, the Maintenance Squadron, remained under the control of the Logistics Group Commander and had responsibility for what was typically referred to as "back shop" maintenance. The second division, the Aircraft Generation Unit (AGU), was aligned under the control of the Fighter Squadron Commander within the Operations Group. The AGU contained those maintenance specialists that were viewed to be unique to the unit's assigned aircraft, including the Crew Chiefs, Phase Inspection, Weapons (Loading, Release and Gun Shop), and Avionics Flight line. The AGU also incorporated much of the former Maintenance Administration branch, including Maintenance Control, Plans, Scheduling and Documentation, Analysis, and Programs and Mobility.

The unit's support of Operation Provide Comfort II at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, provided a tremendous example and experience of this revised aircraft maintenance plan. As our unit deployed with our F-16C aircraft, filling a general purpose fighter role, we became part of a much larger provisional wing which included a wide variety of allied aircraft. Each aircraft unit deployed with its own unique aircraft generation unit. The permanent base structure, in turn, provided a common maintenance squadron with the varied "back shop" specialists, as the host unit, supporting all of the deployed flying units.

The Air National Guard, during the test program, realigned the AGU under the Logistics Group in 1994 and redesignated the unit as the Aircraft Generation Squadron (AGS). The formal recognition of this organization occurred in July 1995 with the appointment of Major Craig Larsen as the squadron's first Commander and MSgt Jim Holiway as the First Sergeant. The squadron retained the majority of its initial shops with the exception of the former maintenance administration and control functions which were reorganized as the 114th Logistics Support Flight.

Today's AGS is comprised of four elements; the Aircraft element (formerly the Flight Line), the Weapons element, the Inspection element (formerly the Phase Docks), and the Specialist element (formerly Avionics Flight Line). Two officers and 173 enlisted folks make up this

unique squadron.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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