

727 SPECIAL OPERATIONS AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

Executes global Special Operations taskings as an Air Force component member of USSOCOM. Organizes, trains and equips 230 personnel in the maintenance and sustainment of CV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft as well as MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper Remotely Piloted Aircraft. Provides worldwide deployable assets and personnel in support of infiltration, exfiltration, reconnaissance and strike capability missions.

LINEAGE

727 Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

STATIONS

Cannon AFB, NM

ASSIGNMENTS

27 Special Operations Maintenance Group

COMMANDERS

Maj Marcus Brazell

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Sable, a combination wrench open end up Smoke, detailed of the field, with a scythe laid across to base of the first, cutting edge and outline of the second, with Azure movement lines emanating from the handle, perched on the handle of the scythe an osprey, wings displayed of the second, highlighted Argent (Silver Gray) outlined and detailed Black, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed with the motto, "A TENEBRIS VINDICTAM VENIT," in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "727 SOAMXS" 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 black background represents the dark of night in which Squadron missions are accomplished. Silver Gray is the color of security, reliability, intelligence, modesty and maturity. Smoke represents quiet professionals and the shadows in which the unit works. The Osprey is a symbol for the CV-22 which is one of the aircraft the Squadron is responsible for maintaining. The scythe is a symbol for the MQ-9 Reaper, another aircraft maintained by the Squadron. The wrench is universal in size, depicting no job too big or too small for the unit.

MOTTO

A TENEBRIS VINDICTAM VENIT-- From the Darkness, Vengeance Comes

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OPERATIONS

The 27th Special Operations Maintenance Group at Cannon AFB, N.M., merged two maintenance squadrons into one and also stood up a new squadron in a ceremony. The group activated the 27th Special Operations Maintenance Squadron, created from the union of the 27th Special Operations Component Maintenance Squadron and the 27th Special Operations Equipment Maintenance Squadron. The merger "will combine all intermediate- and organizational-level maintenance into one squadron that will include over 10 diverse and unique functions," said Col. Wesley Norris, 27th SOMXG commander. During Tuesday's ceremony, the group also launched the new 727th Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. 2012

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