

1st SPECIAL OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE GROUP



LINEAGE

Base Headquarters and 1st Air Base Squadron constituted and activated, 1 Sep 1936
Redesignated Base Headquarters and 1st Air Base Squadron (Double), 25 Jan 1940
Redesignated 1st Air Base Group (Reinforced), 1 Sep 1940
Redesignated 1st Air Base Group, 6 Nov 1941
Redesignated 1st Service Group, 13 Jun 1942
Disestablished, 15 Apr 1945
Reestablished and redesignated 1st Special Operations Wing Logistics Group, 21 Sep 1992
Redesignated 16th Logistics Group, 1 Oct 1993
Redesignated 16th Maintenance Group, 1 Oct 2002
Redesignated 1st Special Operations Maintenance Group, 16 Nov 2006

STATIONS

Langley Field, Virginia, 1 Sep 1936
Syracuse, New York, 24 Aug 1942
Fort Dix, New Jersey, 18 Nov 1942-17 Apr 1943
Goxhill, England, 12 May 1943
Steeple Morden, England, 23 Jun 1943-15 Apr 1945
Hurlburt Field, Florida, 22 Sep 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

2nd Wing (later, 2nd Bombardment Wing), 1 Sep 1936
1st Air Force Service Command, 1 Oct 1941
Eastern Theater of Operations, 30 Dec 1941
Eighth Air Force, May 1943
VIII Fighter Command, 19 May 1943
2nd Bombardment (later 2nd Air) Division, 15 Sep 1944 - 15 Apr 1945
1st (later, 16th) Special Operations Wing, 22 Sep 1992 - 15 Nov 06
1st Special Operations Wing, 16 Nov 06

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

World War II European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor

1 Jun 1997 - 31 May 1999

1 Jul 2003 - 30 Jun 2005

1 Jul 2006 - 30 Jun 2007

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

[22 Sep] 1992 - 15 Apr 1994

1 Jun 1995 - 31 May 1997

1 Jul 1999 - 30 Jun 2001

1 Jul 2001 - 30 Jun 2003

1 Sep 2004 - 31 Aug 2006

EMBLEM

The emblem of the 1st Special Operations Maintenance Group is that of the 1st Special Operations Wing with the group designation in the scroll. It is symbolic of the organization's history and mission. The blue background represents the sky and the United States Air Force. The 13 red and white stripes stand for the nation's original 13 colonies, the first American force to engage in war to defend freedom. The silver dagger is winged to indicate the 1st Special Operations Wing brings force through the air. A golden lamp of knowledge reflects the wing's civic action role and indicates that members of the 1st Special Operations Wing serve as teachers, as well as warriors, in helping our allies determine their own way of life and form of government.

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OPERATIONS

The 1st Special Operations Maintenance Group provides support to more than 70 aircraft assigned to the 1st Special Operations Wing. Such aircraft include the AC-130H/U, MC-130E/H, MH-53J/M, and the CV-22.

The group accomplishes the wing's mission by meeting key objectives: mobilizing personnel, equipment and supplies, training maintenance personnel and sustaining combat readiness

capabilities. The group's seven squadrons stand ready whenever on- and off-equipment, organizational- or intermediate-level maintenance is necessary--"Any Time, Any Place."

Organization

The group is composed of more than 2,900 highly qualified Air Commandos from the following six squadrons:

- 1st Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- 1st Special Operations Component Maintenance Squadron
- 1st Special Operations Equipment Maintenance Squadron
- 1st Special Operations Helicopter Maintenance Squadron
- 1st Special Operations Maintenance Operations Squadron
- 1st Special Operations Maintenance Squadron

Air Force Order of Battle

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