

## 3<sup>rd</sup> AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

3 Organizational Maintenance Squadron constituted and activated, 7 Aug 1962  
Organized, 8 Sep 1962  
Discontinued and inactivated, 8 Jan 1964  
Activated, 8 Jan 1964  
Organized, 9 Jan 1964  
Discontinued and inactivated, 18 Jun 1966  
Activated, 15 Mar 1971  
Redesignated 3 Aircraft Generation Squadron, 1 Jul 1977  
Inactivated, 19 Dec 1991  
Redesignated 3 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 3 Jul 2002  
Activated, 30 Sep 2002

### STATIONS

Yokota AB, Japan, 8 Sep 1962-8 Jan 1964  
England AFB, LA, 9 Jan 1964  
Bien Hoa AB, Vietnam, 8 Nov 1965-18 Jun 1966  
Kunsan AB, Korea, 15 Mar 1971  
Clark AB, Philippines, 16 Sep 1974  
Elmendorf AFB, AK, 19 Dec 1991

### ASSIGNMENTS

3 Bombardment Wing, 8 Sep 1962  
3 Tactical Fighter Wing, 9 Jan 1964-18 Jun 1966

3 Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Mar 1971-31 Dec 1991  
3 Maintenance Group, 30 Sep 2002

### **ATTACHMENTS**

41 Air Division, 1 Sep 1963-8 Jan 1964

### **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Vietnam

Vietnam Defensive 1965-1966

Vietnam Air 1966

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 May 1964-16 July 1965

1 July 1972-31 December 1973

3 April-31 May 1975

1 May 1980-30 April 1982

22 May-1 April 1986

1 January 1989-1 June 1990

Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam

8-18 June 1966

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

1 April-18 June 1966

### **EMBLEM**



3 Aircraft Generation Squadron patch



3 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron emblem: On a disc Azure, issuing from base a sphere Vert, gridlined of the field surmounted by an American bald eagle displayed with head lowered to dexter Proper and grasping in dexter claw a missile bendwise nose upward Argent, and in sinister claw an aerial bomb bendwise sinister nose upward, all below seven mullets arranged as the "Big Dipper" constellation and one large mullet "North Star" Or; all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "WARRIORS" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "3 AMXS" in Yellow letters. 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 stars in the sky represent the State of Alaska. The eagle, our national symbol, depicts air power. The missile and bomb in the clasps of the eagle represent our weapons to deploy. The globe is our ability to react to any place in the world. The motto, "WARRIORS," describes the core function of the U.S. Air Force combat capability that is professional warriors of arms. (Approved, 23 May 1979)

**MOTTO**  
WARRIORS

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