

1603 FIELD MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

1603 Field Maintenance Squadron

STATIONS

Wheelus AB, Libya

ASSIGNMENTS

1603 Maintenance and Supply Group

COMMANDERS

Cpt C. J. Rabby

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The largest operating squadron under Maintenance and Supply Group is the 1603d Field

Maintenance. It is the work of these men on the ground that keeps flying the variety and vast number of aircraft for which they are responsible.

Under the command of Capt. C. J. Rabby, Field Maintenance has a total of 21 shops, of every type and description, for the purpose of repairing and servicing all Wing, transient and rotational gunnery aircraft on Wheelus. And figuring Wheelus has averaged a flight in and out every few minutes, it can readily be seen that its total of approximately 200 personnel are kept on their toes throughout the day.

A few of the aircraft shops under Field Maintenance control include engine build-up, carpenter, electric, propeller, armament, hydraulic, dope and fabric, parachute and many more.

USAF Unit Histories
Created: 29 Jul 2020
Updated:

Sources

Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

Unit yearbook. *Wheelus Field, Libya, A Pictorial Record of a Modern USAF Base*. Lt Worth R. Johnson. International Publishing Service, Rome, Italy. 1955.

Unit History. Wheelus Field; The Story of the US Air Force in Libya. The Early days 1944-1952. R. L. Swetzer. Historical Division Office of Information USAFE. 15 Jan 1965