

## 33 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 33 AMXS “Dragons” provide safe and reliable on-equipment maintenance for the wing’s Air Force flying operations with crew chief, weapons, and specialist support. The 33 MXS “Wizards” provide both on- and off equipment maintenance and oversight for the supported squadron’s assigned aircraft in the areas of propulsion, avionics, ground equipment, munitions, armament, accessories, fabrication and scheduled inspections to ensure continued aircraft availability.

### LINEAGE

33 Organizational Maintenance Squadron

Activated, 9 Feb 1965

Inactivated, 1 Nov 1966

Activated, 1 Apr 1972

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1972

Activated, 1 Jul 1973

Redesignated 33 Aircraft Generation Squadron, 1 Jul 1978

Inactivated, Dec 1991

Redesignated 33 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 28 Jun 2002

Activated, 2 Aug 2002

### STATIONS

Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Apr 1965-1 Nov 1966

Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Apr 1972-31 Jul 1972

Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Jul 1973-1 Dec 1991

Eglin AFB, FL, 2 Aug 2002

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

33 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Apr 1965-1 Nov 1966.  
33 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Apr-31 Jul 1972  
33 Tactical Fighter (later, 33 Fighter) Wing, 1 Jul 1973-1 Dec 1991  
33 Maintenance Group, 2 Aug 2002

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Melville D. Hart Jr, 20 May 1965  
Lt Col Charles Lind, 6 Nov 1965-1966  
Lt Col William R. Hemby Jr., 1 Apr 1972-30 Jun 1972  
Lt Col George K. Bowling, 18 Sep 1973  
Lt Col Donald C. Dishon, 22 Mar 1974  
Maj James R. Galluzzi, 15 Sep 1974  
Lt Col Richard M. Finnerty, 20 Apr 1976  
Maj Frank E. Wakefield, 1 Jul 1977  
Maj Stuart A. Webb, 10 Apr 1978  
Lt Col Robert E. Davison, 16 Jul 1979  
Lt Col Charlie J. Coleman, 21 Jul 1980  
Maj John A. Brantner, 8 May 1981  
Maj Jan D. Edeburn, 22 Mar 1982  
Lt Col Gary J. Magnusson, 3 Jun 1983  
Maj Guadalupe B. Vega, 19 Mar 1986  
Lt Col Allen B. Decker, 8 Jul 1988  
Lt Col Larry L. Yates, 6 Jul 1990  
Lt Col Daniel T. Tompkins, 12 Jul 1991-1 Dec 1991  
Lt Col Kirby L. Lindsey, 2 Aug 2002  
Lt Col Kyle H. Matyi, 13 Jun 2003  
Maj Rob D. Gilchrest, 30 Jun 2005  
Maj Jonathan N. Bland, 6 Jul 2007  
Lt Col Roger A. Quinto, 8 Jul 2009  
Lt Col Michael Miles, 24 May 2010  
Maj Maurice Lee, 3 Jul 2012  
Maj Laura Griggs, 1 Jul 2015

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1978-30 Apr 1980

1 May 1984-30 Apr 1986

1 Apr 1990-[1] Dec 1991

## EMBLEM



33 Aircraft Generation Squadron emblem approved, 23 May 1979

## MOTTO

### OPERATIONS

Tactical Air Command activated the 33 OMS on 1 April 1972. Just four months later, under a plan known as Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, the Air Force inactivated the 33 OMS and organized its function within the 33 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (CAMS). On 1 July 1973, the 33 OMS was again activated as the Air Force divided its wing maintenance functions into distinct maintenance squadrons.

On 1 July 1978, under the Production Oriented Maintenance Operations concept, TAC established aircraft maintenance units under each fighter squadron. As a result, the 33 OMS designator changed to the 33 Aircraft Generation Squadron. The 33 AGS provided maintenance support during deployments to operations URGENT FURY, JUST CAUSE and Operation DESERT STORM.

Part of the Air Force's Objective Wing restructuring program in December 1991, the 33 AGS was inactivated and its personnel merged into the 33 Fighter Wing's three fighter squadrons. Eleven years later on 2 August 2002, the Air Force activated the 33 AGS and re-designated it the 33 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Part of the Air Force Chief of Staff's Logistics Review, this reorganization removed aircraft maintenance functions from the fighter squadrons and placed them back under the maintenance squadrons.

Four F-16s deployed from Luke AFB, Ariz., to provide continuity training to pilots at the F-35 schoolhouse at Eglin AFB, Fla., will stay on at least through next March. "Sorties generated for Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps aircrews are ensuring proficiency and airworthiness prior to each pilot's first F-35 flight," said Lt. Col. Michael Miles, 33 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander at Eglin. "The F-16s from Luke perform critical flight safety chase aircraft duties locally and for ferry flights from the Lockheed Martin factory in Fort Worth, Tex.," he added. Approximately 40 pilots and support personnel from Luke's 56th Fighter Wing deployed to Eglin in January 2011. Since then, nearly 360 airmen have rotated through Eglin on 60- to 90-day temporary deployments. "Team Luke has exceeded all expectations. They have advanced the entire F-35 program," stated Miles. 2012

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