

6th MAINTENANCE GROUP



MISSION

The 6th Maintenance Group provides logistics management to support worldwide aerial refueling, airlift and special assignment missions. The 6th Maintenance Group consists of three diverse squadrons with more than 500 personnel. The group manages all wing maintenance resource to include an annual operating budget of more than \$7 million as well as aircraft, supplies, and equipment valued at more than \$800 million.

LINEAGE

6th Maintenance and Supply Group established, 20 Dec 1950
Activated, 2 Jan 1951
Inactivated, 10 Feb 1951
Activated, 14 Feb 1952
Inactivated, 16 Jun 1952
Disestablished, 27 Sep 1958
Reestablished and redesignated 6th Logistics Group, 22 Dec 1993
Activated, 4 Jan 1994
Redesignated 6th Maintenance Group, 1 Oct 2002

STATIONS

Walker AFB, NM, 2 Jan-10 Feb 1951
Walker AFB, NM, 14 Feb-16 Jun 1952
MacDill AFB, FL, 4 Jan 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

6th Bombardment Wing, 2 Jan-10 Feb 1951

6th Bombardment Wing, 14 Feb-16 Jun 1952

6th Air Base (later, 6th Air Refueling; 6th Air Mobility) Wing, 4 Jan 1994

COMMANDERS

Col James Howe

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1994-31 May 1996

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000

1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2006

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2009

1 Jul 2009 – 30 Jun 2010

1 Jul 2013 – 30 Jun 2014

EMBLEM

Or, pily of twelve Gules, overall a base Azure supporting a sailing ship with sails set affronte Sable, sails Argent, between two mounts issuing from dexter and sinister Vert, below a shooting star in dexter chief and a bi-wing aircraft, viewed from below Argent, garnished Sable, in sinister chief; all within a diminished bordure of the first. Attached below a scroll edged in Air Force yellow, on a white field background, inscribed "6th MAINTENANCE GROUP" in Air Force blue lettering."

SIGNIFICANCE: Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater for Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The biplane symbolizes the 6th's first aircraft, the R-4, as well as past reconnaissance missions. The sailing ship represents the 6th's service in the Caribbean. The water and shore reflect the past mission of protecting the Panama Canal and World War II operations in the Pacific. The falling star indicates the 6th's past bombardment mission. The yellow and red sun rays symbolize peace maintained through vigilance and military strength. (Approved for the 6th Group, 22 Jan 1924 and adopted by the 6th Wing on 18 Mar 1955; replaced by emblem approved on 21 Oct 1980: original emblem reinstated on 20 Sep 1988)

MOTTO

PARATI DEFENDERE — Ready to defend

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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