

# 55 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



## MISSION

### LINEAGE

55 Periodic Maintenance Squadron constituted, 4 Jun 1952  
Activated, 16 Jun 1952  
Redesignated 55 Organizational Maintenance Squadron, 1 Nov 1958  
Inactivated, 30 Apr 1992  
Redesignated 55 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 28 Jun 2002  
Activated, 1 Aug 2002

### STATIONS

Ramey AFB, PR, 16 Jun 1952  
Forbes AFB, KS, 14 Oct 1952  
Offutt AFB, NB, 16 Aug 1966-30 Apr 1992  
Offutt AFB, NB, 1 Aug 2002

### ASSIGNMENTS

55 Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Jun 1952  
55 Logistics Group, 1 Sep 1991-30 Apr 1992  
55 Maintenance Group, 1 Aug 2002

### COMMANDERS

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

Jul 1956-Nov 1957

1 Jul 1963-30 Jun 1964

1 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1967

1 Jul 1972-30 Jun 1974

1 Jul 1974-30 Jun 1976

1 Jul 1976-30 Jun 1978

1 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1980

1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1989

1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1991

### EMBLEM

55 Organizational Maintenance Squadron emblem: On a disc divided per saltire, green and Air Force golden yellow charged palewise in pale with a wrench silhouetted white, surmounted fesswise in fese with a twin jet pod white, outlines, details and shading black, bearing at fesse point a four-bladed propeller silhouetted black; all encircled by a white ring gear edged green, forming the emblem's border. Inscribed in black on the ring gear below the emblem.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** On a disc bearing the squadron's colors, green and yellow, and quartered to indicate this unit's activities are conducted in the four quarters of the globe, a large wrench indicates the primary function of aircraft maintenance and preparation for flights. The twin jet pod bearing the four-bladed propeller device represents the two types of assigned aircraft and indicate the unit's primary concern is quality maintenance of aircraft. The ring gear encircling the emblem has historical significance, being a device commonly used by the Army Air Corps to designate personnel and activities engaged in aircraft maintenance, and it further indicates this unit performs maintenance functions on aircraft around the world. (Approved, 5 May 1960)

55 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron emblem: On a disc Azure, a stylized Phoenix Gules, issuing from flames Proper surmounted by a hexnut Proper (Silver Gray) inner threads garnished Argent, pierced of the second. Overall an open ended wrench fesswise of the third, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "QUALITAS ET INTEGRITAS" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "55TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** 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 Phoenix rising from the flames represents the continual evolution of the Air Force. The wrench and nut symbolize the primary function of aircraft maintenance.

### MOTTO

QUALITAS ET INTEGRITAS--Quality and Integrity

## OPERATIONS

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### Sources

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