

483rd CONSOLIDATED AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

483rd Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

STATIONS

Cam Ranh Bay, South Vietnam

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

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NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Maintenance effectiveness remained generally high despite the increasing age of the force and the hard usage. Operational-ready rates held at about eighty percent except for a decline during the winter of 1970-71 resulting from wet conditions on the ground at the coastal bases and an absence of maintenance hangars for protection from wind and rain. Flying hours held above ten thousand monthly until the first squadron inactivation and stabilized thereafter at slightly below nine thousand. Reorganizations within the 483d Consolidated Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron followed the centralization of four squadrons at Cam Ranh and promised better use of skilled manpower, always a worthwhile goal in view of the turnover of personnel every twelve months. To ease higher than expected failure rates of engines, landing gear, and other systems, aircrews were instructed to "take care of the engines and aircraft, and they will take care of you." This meant, for example, that brakes and reverse pitch should be used gently during the landing roll and that taxiing should be slow. The Caribou remained essentially an easily maintained craft, requiring only twelve maintenance man-hours per flying hour.

Air Force Order of Battle

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