

## **451<sup>st</sup> EXPEDITIONARY MAINTENANCE SQUADRON**



### **MISSION**

### **LINEAGE**

451<sup>st</sup> Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron constituted and converted to provisional status, 26 Jun 2009

### **STATIONS**

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time after, 26 Jun 2009

### **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

None

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

None

### **EMBLEM**

On a disc divided per bend Azure and Khaki, the bend a stylized sword, grip and pommel as a

wrench, charged on the hand guard with a bomb, nose to dexter, all Or, detailed Sable, in chief a desert fox affronté of the second, detailed fourth, eyed Gules, in base an airfoil of the fourth, contrail of the first, charged with a lightning bolt of the fifth, fimbriated of the fourth, within an annulet of the last and an inner border of the fifth, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Khaki scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "CONTENDIMUS OPTIMUM" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Khaki scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "451 EMXS" in Black 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 sword represents the strength and might of the unit. The wrench embodies first class maintenance the unit performs, and the embedded bomb denotes munitions support. The airfoil swoops out of the sky towards the lower half which denotes the battlefield on which the supported ground forces operate. The airfoil extends from the sword, symbolizing how the maintenance squadron supports and bolsters air power. The desert fox symbolizes the might, resilience and tenacity the unit has demonstrated from inception. Foxes are incredibly adaptable animals, which is corollary to the unit's ability to adapt and overcome austere conditions and still ensure sustained flight for transiting aircraft in support of the wing.  
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#### **MOTTO**

CONTENDIMUS OPTIMUM--We Strive for the Best

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

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Air Force Order of Battle

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