

## 6 MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 6 Maintenance Squadron is responsible for the in-depth maintenance. They perform periodic inspections and aircraft refurbishment. They are responsible for 262 pieces of aerospace ground equipment. 6th MXS consists of 170 maintenance and civilian personnel spanning 17 specialties. In the past year they have supported multiple operations and exercises in 24 locations and deployed more than 5,103 days.

### LINEAGE

6 Maintenance Squadron constituted, 20 Dec 1950

Activated, 2 Jan 1951

Redesignated 6 Field Maintenance Squadron, 16 Jun 1952

Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Mar 1967

6 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron constituted and activated, 20 Dec 1966

Organized, 25 Mar 1967

Inactivated, 1 Nov 1970

Activated, 1 Aug 1972

6 Field Maintenance Squadron and 6 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
consolidated, 22 Oct 1984

Inactivated, 1 Sep 1992

Redesignated 6 Maintenance Squadron, 22 Dec 1993

Activated, 4 Jan 1994

Inactivated, 1 Dec 1994

Activated, 1 Oct 1996  
Redesignated 6 Maintenance Squadron, 1 Oct 2002

### **STATIONS**

Walker AFB, NM, 2 Jan 1951-25 Mar 1967  
Eielson AFB, AK, 25 Mar 1967-1 Nov 1970  
Eielson AFB, AK, 1 Aug 1972-1 Sep 1992  
MacDill AFB, FL, 4 Jan- 1 Dec 1994  
MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1996

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

6 Maintenance and Supply Group, 2 Jan 1951  
6 Bombardment Group, 10 Feb 1951  
6 Bombardment (later, 6 Strategic Aerospace; 6 Strategic) Wing, 16 Jun 1952-1 Nov 1970  
6 Strategic (later, 6 Strategic Reconnaissance) Wing, 1 Aug 1972-1 Sep 1992  
6 Logistics Group, 4 Jan-1 Dec 1994  
6 Logistics Group [later 6 Maintenance Group], 1 Oct 1996

### **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Charles L. Smith, #1954

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

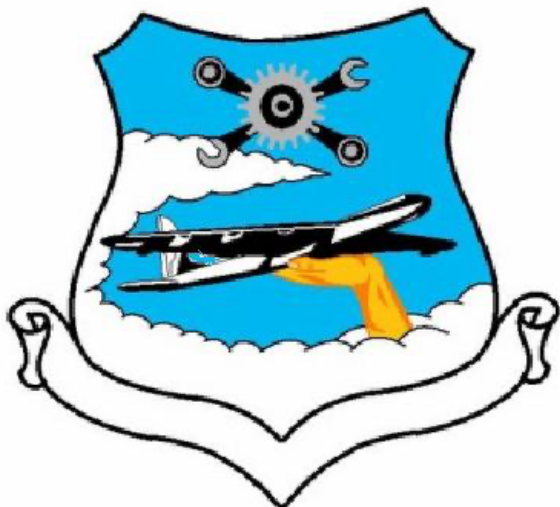
#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

#### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 May 1960-31 May 1962  
1 Jul 1971-30 Jun 1973  
1 Jul 1973-30 Jun 1975  
1 Jul 1976-30 Jun 1978  
1 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1980  
1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1982  
1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1987  
1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1989  
[1 Oct] 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



6 Field Maintenance Squadron emblem approved, 9 Aug 1958



6 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron emblem approved, 20 Feb 1968

6 Maintenance Squadron emblem: On a blue disc, a black raven's head with red eye, behind a stylized white refueling boom with a red contrail fimbriated yellow charged with a yellow star, issuing from upper right to lower left; overall a white disc bearing a stylized triangle, one point up, black on top blue on the left and red on the right, voided by a white triangle one point down, emitting a green and yellow king cobra with red eye and tongue and white fangs, all within a narrow yellow border. Attached above the disc a blue scroll bordered yellow inscribed "PRIDE,"

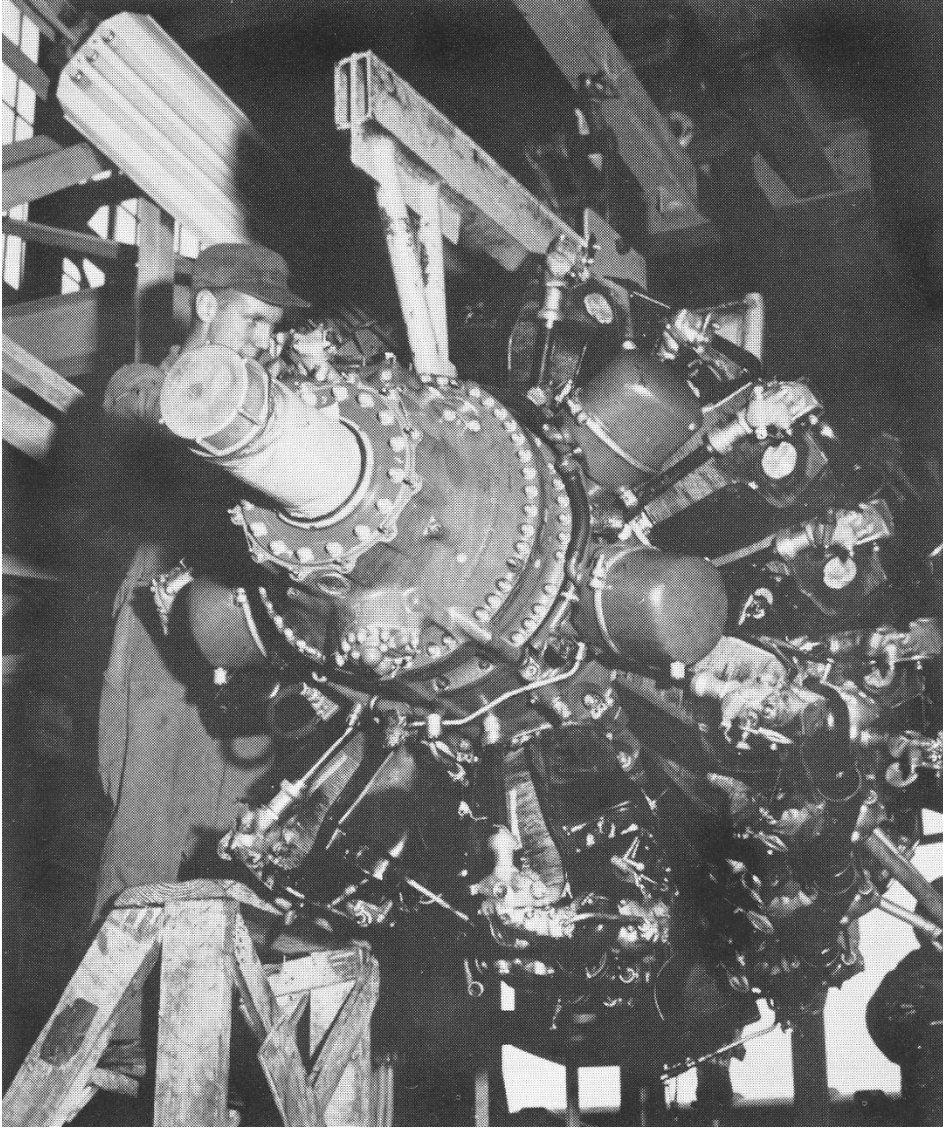
and attached below the disc a blue scroll bordered yellow inscribed "6th MAINTENANCE SQUADRON" in yellow letters. Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The cobra and ball denote the Rivet Ball Reconnaissance operations supported by the Squadron. The device inside the ball and the colors represent the three branches of the Squadron that support the Cobra Ball – Avionics, Field, and Organizational Maintenance. The raven, indigenous to Alaska, symbolizes the Rivet Joint aircraft supported by the Squadron. The refueling nozzle refers to the Alaskan Tanker Task Force aircraft. The Alaskan Tanker Task Force, represented by the refueling nozzle, is maintained by the Squadron. The star indicates the "Burning Star" reconnaissance program which is supported by the maintenance personnel of the Squadron. (Approved, 12 Dec 1984)

## **MOTTO**

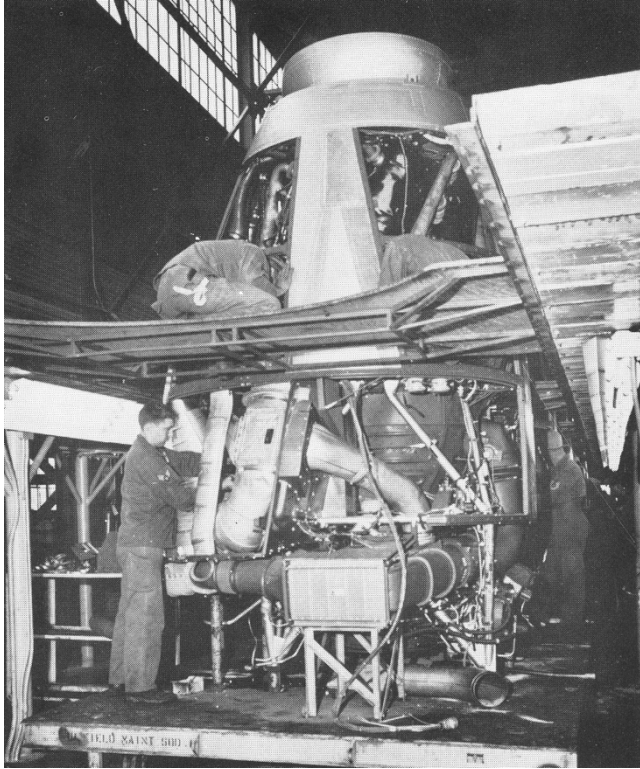
## **OPERATIONS**



6 FMS Finale assembly. (USAF photo)



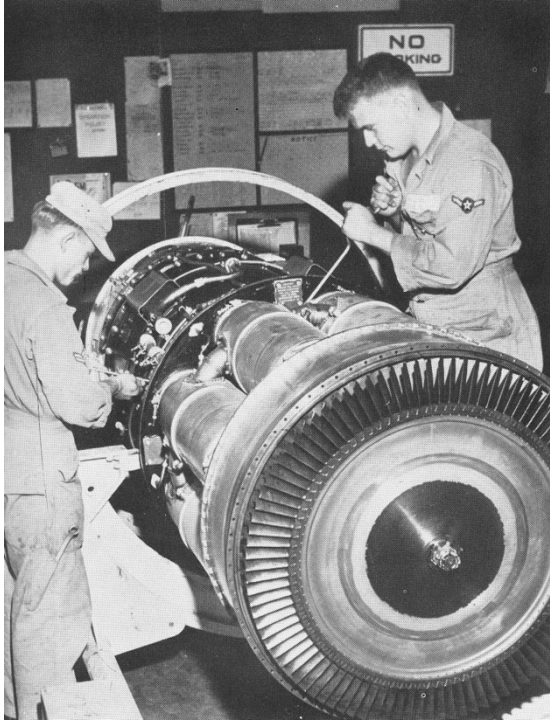
6 FMS Merry-go-round.



6 FMS Engine tear down.



6 FMS, Jet inspection—developing muscles.



6 FMS, Jet minor overhaul.

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