

55 MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

55 Station Complement Squadron constituted, 15 May 1943
Activated, 20 May 1943
Disbanded, 15 Apr 1945
Reconstituted and redesignated 55 Logistics Support Squadron, 29 Aug 1991
Activated, 1 Sep 1991
Redesignated 55 Maintenance Operations Squadron, 1 Aug 2002
Inactivated, 2 Jul 2013

STATIONS

Atterbury AAFld, Ind, 20 May 1943
Camp Patrick Henry, VA, 10 Aug-4 Sep 1943
Mount Farm, England, 15 Sep 1943
Chalgrove, England, 7-15 Apr 1945
Offutt AFB, NE, 1 Sep 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

Third Air Force, 20 May 1943
Eighth Air Force, 13 Sep 1943
AAF Station 234 [Mount Farm], 16 Sep 1943
8 Reconnaissance Wing (Provisional), 18 Feb 1944
325 Photographic Wing, Reconnaissance, 9 Aug 1944-15 Apr 1945
55 Logistics (Later, Maintenance) Group, 1 Sep 1991

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Aug 2002-31 May 2004

1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006

1 Jun 2006-31 May 2007

1 Jun 2007-31 May 2008

1 Jun 2008-31 May 2009

1 Jun 2009-31 May 2010

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, four mullets arched to dexter chief Argent, a flight symbol fesswise in honor point Celeste, issuant from sinister base a demi-globe of the like with landmasses Vert and gridlined of the first, environed by a demi-gear wheel Silver Gray, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "BELLATORES VIGILANTES" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "55TH MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS 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 stars refer to the flights within the Squadron. The flight symbol signifies the unit's support of the aerial mission statement. The globe within a gear wheel symbolizes the support for global maintenance.

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