



FACT SHEET

U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet 191st Maintenance Squadron

The 191 Maintenance Squadron provides specialists from six different elements consisting of Propulsion, Avionics, Accessories, Fabrication, Inspection and AGE as well as other complex aeronautical systems to support the operation of the KC-135T Stratotankers stationed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich. The squadron's Airmen work both in the shop environment and on the flight line to provide repairs and extensive preventative maintenance work, often involving aircraft components that must be removed from the aircraft for the work to be accomplished. The Maintenance Squadron is also tasked with accomplishing bi-annual inspections where almost every inch of the airframe is disassembled, inspected and reassembled. Supporting all these endeavors is the Aerospace Ground Equipment section that provides and maintains the equipment to provide electrical and hydraulic power to the aircraft for flight line maintenance.

The 191st Maintenance Squadron, known as the 191st MXS, works closely with the 191st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, or 191st AMXS, as well as the 191 Maintenance Operations Flight, to complete its mission. The aircraft maintained by the 191st Maintenance personnel are flown by the 171st Air Refueling Squadron. All of these units are components of the 127th Air Refueling Group, 127th Wing, Michigan Air National Guard, at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Deployments

Recent major deployments by the 191 MXS include:

- 2011-present: A series of ongoing, rolling mobilizations in support of Central Command
- 2010-present: Deployments in support of Pacific Command
- 2009-present: Deployments in support of Mobility Command's Tanker Airlift Control Center (TACC), including aeromedical evacuation duty.
- 2011: Operation Odyssey Dawn (Libya)

History

The 191 MXS was part of the 191st Fighter interceptor Group also known as the "Michigan Six-Pack" and has a proud heritage of service at Selfridge ANGB. In the 1970s, the unit picked up the Six-Pack nickname, as it maintained a squadron of F-106 Delta Dart fighter-interceptors. Over time, the F-106s were replaced by the F-4 Phantoms and finally the F-16 Fighting Falcon, all of which stood on daily alert at Selfridge and at a detachment in North Carolina. The 191 FIG became the 191 Airlift Group in 1994 when the group converted to the C-130E Hercules which they maintained until 2008. The unit's final major deployment with the C-130 came when most of the squadron spent the last six months of 2006 in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Along with the 127th ARG, the unit transitioned to the KC-135 Stratotanker in 2008. Today, the squadron's heritage is proudly reflected in the distinctive checkerboard "SAC stripe" and the chevron tail flashings seen on the KC-135s assigned to the 127th.

The unit's aircraft, the KC-135 "T" model, is distinct in that it is capable of carrying two different types of fuel. The aircraft here were originally KC-135Q models. The "Q" model was built exclusively to refuel the SR-71 Blackbird during the height of the cold war. The "T" model currently only carries one type of fuel, JP-8, and can be seen refueling aircraft almost anywhere in the world.