



FACT SHEET

U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet 127th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

The 127th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is the focal point for the 127th Operations Group's combat sortie generation operations. The 127th AMXS directs the efforts of more than 150 aircraft maintenance and support personnel to sustain a combat-capable squadron of A-10 Thunderbolt II attack aircraft. The 127th AMXS ensures mission-capable aircraft are available to support the 107th Fighter Squadron's yearly flying-hour program, deployments for training exercises and contingency operations in support of the Air Force mission. The 127th AMXS provides fully-qualified crew chiefs and related aircraft-generation personnel from 13 different Air Force specialty codes for worldwide assignment while also supporting operations at the squadron's home station, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich. To support these operations, the squadron develops and executes a scheduled maintenance plan to maintain the long-term readiness of the squadron's assigned aircraft.



The 127th AMXS is a component of the 127th Maintenance Group, 127th Wing, Michigan Air National Guard.

Since 2009, the 127th AMXS has supported the A-10, the Air Force's premier close-air-support attack aircraft, best known as the "Warthog." In 2011, six months earlier than initially forecasted, the 127th AMXS deployed for the first time with the A-10, operating from an air base in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The deployment was the fifth major combat-related deployment for the squadron since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The 127th AMXS traces its lineage back at least through 1925, when a group of pilots and aircraft mechanics began meeting in a garage in Detroit. On May 7, 1926, this group received federal recognition and was officially designated as the 107th Observation Squadron, becoming the first flying unit in the Michigan National Guard. The 127th AMXS – through various unit name changes over the decades – has been associated with the flying mission of the 107th ever since.

The unit operated at various air fields around the Detroit region until 1929, when it was assigned to what is today known as Detroit Metropolitan Airport. During World War II, the 107th operated as an Observation Squadron, initially flying anti-submarine patrols on the U.S. East Coast. Eventually, the squadron was reassigned to Europe, where it supported the D-Day landings and the Battle of the Bulge – all the while supported by the mechanics and crew chiefs of the Michigan National Guard. Following WWII, the forerunners of the 127th AMXS were assigned to fighter-type aircraft, a mission which has continued to this day. During the Korean War, the unit was assigned to Luke Air Force Base in Arizona, supporting pilot training operations during that conflict. In July 1971, the 127th AMXS and related units transferred to Selfridge Air Force Base / Air National Guard Base. For several decades after the move to Selfridge, 127th AMXS-supported aircraft stood on 24-hour alert, poised to provide homeland defense if necessary. On Sept. 11, 2001, 127th AMXS crew chiefs generated combat-capable aircraft sorties to protect the Great Lakes region from possible terrorist attack.

Aircraft supported by the 127th AMXS and predecessor organizations over the years include:

- F-51H Mustang, 1946-1950
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- F-80 Shooting Star, 1951-1952
- F-84 Thunderjet, 1951-1952
- F-86E Sabre, 1952-1953
- F-89C Scorpion, 1953-1958
- RF-84F Thunderstreak, 1958-1971
- RF-101C Voodoo, 1971-1972
- F-100D Super Sabre, 1972-1978
- A-7D Corsair II, 1979-1989
- F-16 Fighting Falcon, 1989-2008
- A-10 Thunderbolt II, 2008–Present