

## **433 COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT**

### **MISSION**

Manages and maintains communications and information services for the 433 AW and supported units, providing Local Area Network (LAN) management, secure communications, Land Mobile Radio (LMR), and pager support. 433 AW communication/information focal point and host base liaison. Wartime tasked for in-place Wing support and host-base communications support augmentation.

### **LINEAGE**

433 Communications Squadron, Troop Carrier, Medium, constituted, 10 May 1949

Activated in the Reserve, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 433 Communications Squadron, 10 Mar 1950

Ordered to Active Service, 15 Oct 1950

Relieved from Active Duty, 3 Jul 1952

Inactivated, 14 Jul 1952

Activated in the Reserve, 18 May 1955

Inactivated, 14 Apr 1959

433 Operations Squadron constituted, 5 Dec 1958

Activated in the Reserve on 14 Apr 1959

Discontinued and inactivated, 17 Jan 1963

433 Communications Flight constituted, 18 Jun 1976

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jul 1976

Redesignated 433 Information Systems Squadron, 10 Apr 1985

433 Communications Squadron, 433 Operations Squadron, and 433 Information Systems Squadron consolidated, 1 Feb 1987. Consolidated unit designated 433 Communications Squadron

Redesignated 433d Communications Flight, 1 Aug 1992

Inactivated, 31 Mar 1993  
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Apr 1997

## **STATIONS**

Cleveland Muni Aprt, OH, 27 Jun 1949  
Greenville (Later, Donaldson) AFB, SC, 16 Oct 1950-20 Jul 1951  
Rhein-Main AB, West Germany, 5 Aug 1951-14 Jul 1952  
Brooks AFB, TX, 18 May 1955  
Kelly AFB, TX, 1 Nov 1960-17 Jan 1963  
Kelly AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1976-31 Mar 1993  
Kelly AFB, TX, 1 Apr 1997

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

433 Mission Support Group

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
16 Jul 1977-15 Jul 1979  
1 Oct 1981-30 Sep 1983  
1 Oct 1986-30 Sep 1988

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

1989 The 433 Communications Squadron commander along with 22 unit members and three augmentees deployed to Lech AB, West Germany, in support of Exercise Coronet Rock

1990 The 433 Communication Squadron welcomed Captain Janice L. Silverman in September.

1992 More than 200 reservists from the Alamo Wing participated in Exercise Battle-Axe 92-2 in April. The joint mobility exercise conducted in conjunction with Kelly AFB, Battle-Axe called for deploying forces and their equipment to the Middle East in order to replace forces involved in Provide Comfort and an operation to help the Kurdish people in northern Iraq. The exercise

involved reservists from the 26th Aerial Port Squadron, 74th Aerial Port Squadron, 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 433d Communication Squadron, 433d Support Group, 404th Combat Logistics Support Squadron and the Headquarters Squadron.

1992 In February, the Headquarters, 433d Military Airlift Wing through the Department of the Air Force, Special Order G-032, redesignated the Alamo Wing to Headquarters, 433d Airlift Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas. Under the new order, the 68th Military Airlift Squadron became the 68th Airlift Squadron and the Headquarters, 433d Combat Support Group became the Headquarters, 433d Support Group. By the same order from Headquarters, Department of the Air Force, the 433d Communications Squadron became the 433d Communications Flight and the 433d Operations Support Squadron received assignment to the 433d Operations Group.

1992 During August, the 433d Logistics Support Squadron received assignment to the 433d Logistics Group, the 433d Missions Support Squadron received assignment to the 433d Support Group and the 433d Medical Squadron received assignment to the 433d Medical Group. The Headquarters, 433d Tactical Airlift Group inactivated on 14 April 1959, with a new designation of Headquarters, 433d Operations Group located at Kelly AFB and assigned to the 433d Airlift Wing effective 31 August 1992. The Headquarters, 433d Maintenance and Supply Group disbanded on 27 September 1984, with a new designation of Headquarters, 433d Logistics Group located at Kelly AFB and assigned to the 433d Airlift Wing. The 43d Aerial Port Squadron and 75th Aerial Port Squadron inactivated effective 1 August. On the same date the 73d Aerial Port Squadron, Carswell AFB, Texas, experienced the reassignment to the 301st Operations Group.

Four members of the 433d Communications Squadron participated in a humanitarian operation in Tohago, "Robinson Crusoe Island" in the Caribbean. The members provided communications support for the 911th Civil Engineering Squadron, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The 911 CES built a bridge joining two villages as part of CARIB Exercises 92-10. The Alamo Wing members provided 24-hour contact with the Trinidad embassy, along with other teams who rotated through during the 2-month project.

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