

435th AIR AND SPACE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

133rd Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated, 14 May 1948
Organized, 1 Jun 1948
Redesignated 1945th Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron, 1 Oct 1948
Redesignated 1945th Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961
Redesignated 1945th Communications Group, 1 Jan 1973
Redesignated 1945th Information Systems Group, 1 Oct 1984
Redesignated 1945th Communications Group, 1 Nov 1986
Redesignated 435th Communications Group, 30 Apr 1991
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1992
Activated, 15 Jan 2004
Inactivated, 3 May 2005
Redesignated 435th Air and Space Communications Group, 1 Jul 2009
Activated, 16 Jul 2009

STATIONS

Rhein-Main AB, Germany, 1 Jun 1948-1 Apr 1992
Ramstein AB, Germany, 15 Jan 2004-3 May 2005
Ramstein AB, Germany, 16 Jul 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

5th (later, 1807) Airways and Air Communications Service Wing, 1 Jun 1948
1812th Airways and Air Communications Service Group, 20 Feb 1949
1807th Airways and Air Communications Service Wing, 1 Nov 1953

1820th Airways and Air Communications Service Group (later, Central European Airways and Air Communications Service Region; Central European Communications Region), 1 Nov 1954
European Communications Area (later, European Communications Division; European Information Systems Division), 30 Jun 1972
2005th Information Systems (later, 2005th Communications) Wing, 1 Jul 1986
435th Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Oct 1990-1 Apr 1992
435th Air Base Wing, 15 Jan 2004-3 May 2005
435th Air Ground Operations Wing, 16 Jul 2009

COMMANDERS

Col Thomas H. Arnett, 31 Jan 1951
Maj Herbert T. Pickering, Jul 1951
Lt Joe P. Miller, 1952
LTC Martin E. Wilson, 1952
Maj Conrad C. Kolander, Jr., 1953-1954
Maj John A. O'Connor, 1964
Maj Hugh D. Fortenberry, 1965
Maj George B. Hanson, 6 Aug 1966
Maj David T. Messick, 1969
Col Edwin M. Weissler,
Col Clarence B. Blocker, 15 Oct 1974
LTC Wayne E. Schramm, 1977
LTC Ronald L. Giampietro, 1978
Col D. E. Hicks,
Col E. Callicotte
Col Clarence R. Williams, 1 Jul 1983
Col Michael H. Mount, 28 Jun 1985
Col Marilon D. Hall, 3 Aug 1988
Col Stephen J. Geertz, 20 Aug 1990
Col Mark G. Langenderfer

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Jan 1980-31 Dec 1981
1 Jan 1983-31 Dec 1984
1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1989
1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1991

2 Aug 1990-31 Mar 1991
1 Jul 1991-[1 Apr 1992]

EMBLEM

Represented in this design is the strength of communications as a powerful weapon in the defense of the free world and the lifeline of a unified command. The sword and shield symbolize the purpose of United States Air Force communications: to protect and defend the rights of freedom throughout the world and to keep the light of truth and the torch of liberty shining brightly. The field of blue represents the United States Air Force mission—to safeguard the peace through strength and readiness. The tangential rings signify the scope and continuity of communications in linking the spheres of command within our circle of responsibility and around the globe. The spheres are the areas of individual command responsibility which are provided the power of unified action through intertheater communications capability. The color red denotes the urgent requirement for rapid reliable service. The color yellow symbolizes the various forms of electrically generated data which comprise the communications network. The North Star represents directional guidance toward the ultimate goal: zero defects with maximum efficiency throughout the broad spectrum of communications.

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Group will use the wing emblem with group designation in the scroll.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

1945 Communications Squadron operates air force portion of defense communications system in central Europe. Provides: communications electronics staff support for 435 tactical airlift mission in Europe; base communications support for USAFE owned Pruem and Wasser-Kuppe air stations. Operates centralized repair activity for offshore procured (Siemens-Halske) wideband radio and multiplex equipment used by United States Army, Navy, and Air Force in Europe and the weather facsimile (Muirhead) equipment. 1976

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, VA.