

624 OPERATIONS CENTER



MISSION

The 624 Operations Center, collocated with the Twenty-Fourth Air Force (Air Force Strategic) at Lackland, serves as the Twenty-Fourth Air Force (Air Force Strategic)'s command and control center to provide a robust full-spectrum and integrated cyberspace operations capability. The 624 OC interfaces with theater and functional air operations centers to establish, plan, direct, coordinate, assess, and command & control cyber operations in support of Air Force and Joint warfighting requirements.

LINEAGE

145 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated, 14 May 1948
Organized, 1 Jun 1948
Redesignated 1957 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron, 1 Oct 1948
Redesignated 1957 Airways and Air Communications Service Group, 18 Sep 1959
Redesignated Headquarters, 1957 Airways and Air Communications Service Group, 8 Oct 1959
Redesignated Headquarters, 1957 Communications Group, 1 Jul 1961
Redesignated 1957 Information Systems Group, 1 Aug 1984
Redesignated 1957 Communications Group, 1 Nov 1986
Inactivated, 13 Apr 1992
Redesignated 624 Operations Center, 11 Aug 2009
Activated, 18 Aug 2009

STATIONS

Hickam AFB, T. H. (later, Hawaii) 1 Jun 1948-13 Apr 1992
Lackland AFB, TX, 18 Aug 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

71 Airways and Air Communications Service Group, 1 Jun 1948

1810 Airways and Air Communications Service Group, 1 Oct 1948
Pacific Communications Area, 1 Nov 1957
1957 Airways and Air Communications (later, 1957 Communications) Group, 8 Oct 1959
Pacific Communications Area (later, Pacific Communications Division
Pacific Information Systems Division
Pacific Communications Division), 8 Nov 1959
15 Air Base Wing, 1 Oct 1990-13 Apr 1992
Twenty-Fourth Air Force (Air Force Strategic), 18 Aug 2009

COMMANDERS

LTC Amos H. Ross, Jr., Aug 1958
LTC Ira L. Griffin, Jul 1962
Col Samuel J. Whitsitt, 1 Sep 1962
LTC Ira L. Griffin, 19 Jan 1963
Col Raymond D. Gunn, 30 Jul 1963
Col Merle N. Fister, 20 Jan 1966
Col Albert F. Arant, 14 Aug 1967
Col Fay E. French, 19 Jan 1970
Col Arthur E. Fox, 31 Jan 1974
Col Clyde F. Bunch, 28 Dec 1974
LTC Woodrow L. Van Drew, 3 Jul 1975
Col John D. Nolan, 21 Jul 1975
LTC Woodrow L. Van Drew, 1 Jan 1976
Col Stanley M. Lowry, 19 Jul 1976
LTC Richard D. Schwieren, 21 Mar 1978
Col Clarence S. Summers, Jr., 15 Sep 1978
Col John A. Pompei, Jr., 1 Jun 1981
Col Richard A. Hamilton, 23 Jun 1982
Col Mark H. Smith, 12 Dec 1984
LTC Merle L. Black III, 23 Jul 1986
LTC Lawrence N. Winnik, 15 Oct 1987
Col Nathaniel Guinn, 25 May 1989
LTC Michael M. Rohrer, 10 Jun 1990
LTC Michael P. Liberto, 28 Jun 1990

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation

1 Jan 1968-26 Jul 1969

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Feb-30 Nov 1962

1 Jan 1966-31 Dec 1967

1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1991

EMBLEM



1957th Communications Group emblem: The background of the shield is the sky, emblematic of sky and space where aerospace forces operate. The ultramarine blue represents the night sky, and the light blue represents the day sky. Together they represent the around-the-clock mission of the 1957th Communications Group. The four stars representing the Southern Cross are shown in the night sky, symbolic of the group's far flung operating elements in the Southern Hemisphere, and stress navigation which is an integral part of command and control of aerospace forces. The Polynesian warrior blowing a Triton's Trumpet shell (an ancient means of communicating in Polynesia), allude to the group's ties as an Air Force communications unit to the Central and South Pacific, an area of operations in which the group provides modern command control and communications services. The royal Hawaiian colors in the warrior's headdress and cape symbolize excellence, while the electronic flashes in the cape symbolize all aerospace communications.

64 Operations Center emblem: Per bend Azure and Celeste, in nombril a pole star counter changed of the field emitting three lightning bolts, one from dexter arm to dexter chief, one from sinister arm to sinister chief, and one from lower arm to base, all Gules, fimbriated Or, in chief three smaller pole stars, one and two, of the first, all within a diminished bordure of the fourth. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "624TH OPERATIONS CENTER" in Blue 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 background is divided light over dark, symbolizing the sky, space and the cyber domain as well as the around-the-clock mission of the Center. The four stars allude to the cyber command and control function. The largest star represents the Center while the three smaller stars symbolize the three wings within the numbered Air Force. Together, all four stars form a diamond formation representing strength and solidarity to execute the Air Force cyber mission. The lightning bolts emanating from the large star depict the Center's ability to control the three Air Force cyber functional areas: network defense, network operations and network attack. (Approved, 17 Jul 1978)

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Sources

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