

1883 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

1883 Communications Squadron designated and organized, 1 Nov 1965

Redesignated 1883 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1984

Redesignated 1883 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

STATIONS

Qui Nhon Airfield, South Vietnam,

Phu Cat AB, South Vietnam, 1 Apr 1967

Kincheloe AFB, MI, 30 Nov 1971

Beale AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1977

ASSIGNMENTS

1964 Communications Group

Northern Communications Area, 30 Nov 1971

Strategic Communications Area (later, Strategic Communications Division; Strategic Information Systems Division; Strategic Communications Division), 1 Jul 1976

COMMANDERS

LT Paul E. Kelly, 19 Jun 1966

Maj Elbert R. Shoemate, 28 Mar 1967

Maj Wendell W. Jernigen, 29 Feb 1968
Maj J. D. Colcord, 1 Aug 1968
Maj Bent E. Larsen, 1 Jul 1969
Maj Roger M. Quick, 10 Jun 1970
Maj Hector F. Evans, Jr., 1 Jul 1970-30 Jun 1971
Capt Robert J. Weber, 1972
Capt Richard O. Nordhaus, Jul 1973
Capt Samuel O. Lane, Jun 1975
Capt Robert A. Thompson,
Lt Col Martin E. Stipe,
Lt Col Edward J. Phenicie, 27 Jun 1977
Lt Col Ralph M. Millar, 20 Jul 1979
Maj Richard E. Bruner, 12 May 1982
Maj Frank B. Richardson, Jr., 12 Jul 1985
Maj James D. Pine, 29 Aug 1988

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam Defense
Vietnam Air
Vietnam Air Offensive
VN Air Off, Phase II
VN Air Off, Phase III
Vietnam Air/Ground
VN Air Off, Phase IV
TET 69/Counteroffensive
VN Summer-Fall, 1969
VN Winter-Spring, 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Southwest Monsoon
Commando Hunt V
Commando Hunt VI
Commando Hunt VII

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor
1 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1967
1 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1968
1 Jul 1968-30 Jun 1969
1 Jul 1969-30 Jun 1970

1 Jul 1970-30 Jun 1971
1 Jul 1971-30 Nov 1971

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
1 Apr 1966-30 Nov 1971

EMBLEM

The eagle looking down represents the reconnaissance flying mission of Beale Air Force Base. The red lightning bolt symbolizes the communications link and support provided to the flying mission by the squadron. The mountain silhouette is that of the Sutler Buttes, the smallest mountain range in the world. The crossed pick and shovel reflect the gold-mining heritage of the area and of Camp Far West which was located at Beale to protect the miner's and American interest.

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OPERATIONS

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