

1978 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

1978 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated and organized, 20 Nov 1950

Redesignated 1978 Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961

Redesignated 1978 Communications Group, 1 Jan 1964

Redesignated 1978 Information Systems Group, 1 Jul 1984

Redesignated 1978 Communications Group, 1 Nov 1986

STATIONS

Albrook AFB, Canal Zone,

Howard AFB, Canal Zone (Later Howard AFB, Panama), 15 Dec 1978

ASSIGNMENTS

1806 Airways and Air Communications Service Group

1803 Airways and Air Communications Service Group (later, Southeastern AACS Region; Southeastern Communications Region), 18 July 1957

Air Force Communications Service, 1 Jul 1963

Tactical Communications Area (later, Tactical Communications Division; Tactical Information Systems Division; Tactical Communications Division), 1 Jan 1976

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Gerald B. Warton, Oct 1974
Lt Col Eugene C. Morris, 21 Feb 1975
Lt Col Robert E. Nolan, Jr., 19 Jul 1977
Lt Col John W. Graves, 1 Jul 1978
Lt Col Phillip J. Lurie, 5 Jun 1980
Lt Col Richard L. Farro, 13 Aug 1982
Lt Col Michael C. Moehlankamp, 17 Jun 1985
Lt Col Carl A. McIntire III, 17 Jun 1987
Lt Col Alfred H. Whitley, 15 Jun 1990

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 1972-31 Dec 1973
1 Jan 1978-31 Dec 1979

EMBLEM

The North Star signifies our origin in the north. Sparks symbolize communications wave-lengths. The sun and bottom half of the globe depict the tropical area of Central and South America which is our area of responsibility. The dark blue top and light blue bottom depicts day and night vigilance. The aircraft reflects the group's air traffic control operation. The satellite represents the role of the organization's Defense Meteorological Satellite Program. The ship indicates search and rescue coordination. The Southern Cross constellation represents operations south of the equator.

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OPERATIONS

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