

1983 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

1983 Communications Squadron designated and activated, 1 Jan 1977

Redesignated 1983 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1985

Redesignated 1983 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

STATIONS

Thule AB, Greenland

ASSIGNMENTS

Northern Communications Area

Strategic Communications Area (later, Strategic Communications Division), 1 Oct 1979

Space Communications Division (later, Space Information Systems Division; Space Communications Division), 1 May 1983

COMMANDERS

Capt Jerome F. Simmer, Jan 1977

Capt Raymond J. Brylski, May 1979

Capt Ed D. Seward, 31 May 1980

Capt Joan R. Burg, 25 Sep 1981

Capt J. Barry Patterson, 1 Sep 1982

Capt Alan L. Buhler, 27 Sep 1983

Capt Dennis A. Bickett, Jr., 6 Sep 1984

Capt Montgomery S. White, 16 Sep 1985

Capt Jesus R. Torres, 2 Oct 1986

Capt James R. Robilotta, 24 Sep 1987

Capt John R. Merrell, 29 Jul 1988

Capt Douglas A. Dunford, 10 Jul 1989

Capt David C. Schreck, 12 Jul 1990

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

The emblem depicts the two functions of the squadron and the historical beginnings of the unit. In the sinister the familiar control tower signifies air traffic control operations with the North Star further stressing the aspects of navigation and flight control. The sky is ultramarine blue depicting the constant darkness found during the winter. The dexter depicts the northern portion of the globe with the polar ice cap in white. The flashes signify the electronic communications and radar surveillance which the squadron provides. The satellite and stars focus attention to the aerospace aspects of both the communications and the radar surveillance mission. At the bottom, the summer sky of pale blue with the sun at the midday point signifies the endless summer days of the Arctic; and the polar bear, the traditional symbol of Greenland, signifies the historical beginnings of the squadron.

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OPERATIONS

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