

## 23 COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

Squadron provides theater-deployable communications during wartime and contingency operations or humanitarian missions in austere locations.

### LINEAGE<sup>1</sup>

394 Signal Company, Aviation constituted, 17 Jan 1943

Activated, 1 Feb 1943

Redesignated 23 Communications Squadron, Command, 15 Sep 1947

Inactivated, 10 Nov 1947

Disbanded, 15 Jun 1983

Reconstituted and redesignated 23 Combat Communications Squadron, 11 May 1988

Activated, 1 Jun 1988

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1993

Activated, 1 Oct 2009

### STATIONS

Pinedale, CA

Camp Kilmer, NJ, 13 Dec 1943-8 Jan 1944

Ascot, England, 19 Jan 1944

Criqueville, France, 17 Jun 1944

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<sup>1</sup> Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

La Cambe, France, 14 Jul 1944  
Feugeres, France, 9 Aug 1944  
Le Mans, France, 27 Aug 1944  
Creil, France, Sep 1944  
Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, 30 Apr 1945  
Erlangen, Germany, 15 Aug 1945-10 Nov 1947  
Erlangen Air Base, Germany, 1947  
Patrick AFB, FL, 18 May 1988  
Travis AFB, CA, 1 Oct 2009

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Western Signal Aviation Unit Training Center, 1 Feb 1943  
IX Air Force Service, (later, European Air Materiel) Command, 19 Jan 1944  
2 Combat Communications Group, 18 May 1988  
349 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2009

### **COMMANDERS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Robert J. Labelle, 1 Feb 1943  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Frank C. Reilly, 17 Feb 1943  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Robert J. Labelle, Jan 1945  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Samuel R. Watson, Jr., 26 Jan 1946  
Capt Edgar L. Gibson, 22 Apr 1946  
Maj Julius E O'Neal, Jan 1947-10 Nov 1947  
Capt Ann M. Matonak, 7 Jul 1989  
Lt Col Karen Bosko, #2013  
Lt Col George Composano

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

American Theater  
EAME Theater  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Southwest Asia  
Defense of Saudi Arabia  
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
1 Oct 1990-30 Apr 1991

4 Jun 1992-22 Feb 1993

## EMBLEM



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 silhouette of a shoreline and palm trees suggests the unit's home base and the tropical regions of the globe, the unit's primary area of responsibility for worldwide communications deployment. The concealed van indicates the tactical nature of the unit's mission. The black shoreline and blue disk signify the unit's ability to supply round the clock service. The lightning bolt refers to electronics and the unit's quick deployment capacity. The digital waveform is indicative of the number 23, the unit's numerical designation. (Approved, 1 Jun 1989)

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

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