

23 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

The 23 Communications Squadron trains and deploys combat communicators to implement and sustain C4I systems for expeditionary air bases worldwide. The squadron directs operations, maintenance, and planning of the Network Control Center, radar, meteorological and navigational aids, and communications and visual information systems.

LINEAGE¹

23 Communication Squadron, Fighter, Single-Engine constituted, 10 Aug 1948

Activated, 16 Aug 1948

Redesignated 23 Communications Squadron, Fighter, Jet, 3 May 1949

Inactivated, 24 Sep 1949

Redesignated 23 Communications Squadron, 19 Dec 1950

Activated, 12 Jan 1951

Inactivated, 6 Feb 1952

1908 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated and organized, 15 Jul 1955

Redesignated 1908 Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961

¹ Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

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

Unit yearbook, *The England Tower, England AFB, LA, 1957*, Taylor Publishing Company, Dallas, TX, 1957.

Major Command history. *A Salute to Air Force Communications Command Leaders and Lineage*. Office of Air Force Communications Command History. Scott AFB, IL. 1 Oct 1990.

Redesignated 1908 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1984
Redesignated 1908 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

23 Communications Squadron and 1908 Communications Squadron consolidated, 1 Apr 1991

Consolidated organization redesignated 23 Communications Squadron, 30 Apr 1991

Inactivated, 1 Jun 1992
Activated, 1 Jun 1992
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1997
Activated, 1 Oct 2006

STATIONS

Northwest Guam AFB, Guam, 16 Aug 1948-3 Apr 1949
Howard AFB, CZ, 25 Apr-24 Sep 1949
Presque Isle AFB, ME, 12 Jan 1951-6 Feb 1952
England AFB, LA, 15 Jul 1955-1 Jun 1992
Pope AFB, NC, 1 Jun 1992-1 Apr 1997
Moody AFB, GA, 1 Oct 2006

ASSIGNMENTS

23 Air Base Group, 16 Aug 1948-24 Sep 1949
23 Air Base Group, 12 Jun 1951-6 Feb 1952
1822 Army Airways Communications Service Group (later Southwestern AACS Region;
Southwestern Communications Region), 15 Jul 1955
Tactical Communications Region, 1 Jan 1963
9 Tactical Communications Region, 8 Aug 1967
Tactical Communications Area (later, Tactical Communications Division; Tactical Information
Systems Division; Tactical Communications Division), 30 Jun 1971
23 Tactical Fighter (later, 23 Fighter) Wing, 1 Oct 1990-1 Jun 1992
23 Support Group, 1 Jun 1992-1 Apr 1997
23 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2006

COMMANDERS

Maj Ivan S. Kendall
Maj Elon M. Gaston
Maj Robert D. Trudell
Maj Allan Beecher
Cpt Boyce D. McMurphy
Maj Bernard W. Keyes
Maj Arne O. Aukland
Capt Robert P. Aldridge, Jr.
Capt David R. Jeter
Maj Jonathan S. Katz

Capt Earle R. Lakin, Jr.
Capt Karl S. Scriba (Interim)
Maj John W. Penny
Maj Thomas S. Heivilin
Maj Harold G. Hartshorn
Maj Ronald H. Dalton
Maj Kelly W. Cartron
Lt Col Michael W. Smiley
Lt Col Richard R. Mackey

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1972-31 Dec 1973

1 Jan 1979-31 Dec 1980

1 Apr 1989-31 Mar 1991

31 May 1995-31 Mar 1997

EMBLEM



1908 Communications Squadron emblem The tiger represents the attitude of the squadron as it approaches its mission in support of the 23 Tactical Fighter Wing. The lightning bolts represent the speed in which communications are disseminated; while the globe represents the far-reaching capabilities of the squadron and shows the squadron's relationship to Air Force Communications Command. (Approved, 23 Aug 1982)



MOTTO

OPERATIONS



Tower personnel on duty, England AFB, LA, 1955



GCA crew bring in a B-29 on the beam, England AFB, LA, 1955







