

27 SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

The 27 Special Operations Communications Squadron provides combat-ready command and control, communications and information services for the 27 Special Operations Wing to support in-garrison and deployable warfighting missions worldwide. Its Airmen operate and maintain fixed and deployable communications and information systems, equipment, personnel and information facilities for the 27 SOW, associate units and the Melrose Air Force Range. 27 SOCS is responsible for the base network and deployment of wing initial communications capability. It furnishes daily services to nearly 5,000 military and civilian personnel.

LINEAGE

Constituted 27 Communications Squadron, Fighter, Two Engine, on 14 Jun 1948

Activated on 1 Aug 1948

Redesignated 27 Communications Squadron, Fighter, Jet, on 1 Dec 1949

Redesignated 27 Communications Squadron on 1 Feb 1950

Inactivated on 6 Aug 1951

Activated on 14 Feb 1952

Inactivated on 16 Jun 1952

Disbanded on 10 May 1976

2040 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated and organized, 8 Dec 1956

Redesignated 2040 Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961

Redesignated 2040 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1984

Redesignated 2040 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

27 Communications Squadron reconstituted, and consolidated with the 2040 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1991. Consolidated squadron retains 27 Communications Squadron designation

Redesignated 27 Special Operations Communications Squadron on 1 Oct 2007.

STATIONS

Kearney AFB, NE, 1 Aug 1948

Bergstrom AFB, TX, 16 Mar 1949-6 Aug 1951

Bergstrom AFB, TX, 14 Feb-16 Jun 1952

Clovis (later, Cannon) AFB, NM, 8 Dec 1956

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Itazuke AB, Japan, 15 Dec 1950-30 Apr 1951, with advanced echelon deployed at Taegu AB, South Korea, Dec 1950-Jan 1951

Kunsan AB, South Korea, 1 May-Jun 1951

Itazuke AB, Japan, Jun-20 Jul 1951

ASSIGNMENTS

27 Air Base Group, 1 Aug 1948-6 Aug 1951

27 Fighter-Escort Wing, 14 Feb-16 Jun 1952

1822 Airways and Air Communications Service Group (later, Southwestern Airways and Air Communications Service Region; Southwestern Communications Region), 8 Dec 1956

Tactical Communications Region, 1 Jan 1963

12 Tactical Communications Region, 8 Aug 1967

Tactical Communications Area (later, Tactical Communications Division; Tactical Information Systems Division; Tactical Communications Division), 30 Jun 1971

27 Tactical Fighter (later, 27 Fighter) Wing, 1 Oct 1990

27 Support (later, 27 Mission Support, 27 Special Operations Mission Support) Group, 1 Nov 1991

COMMANDERS

Capt Donald W. Bush, 1959

Lt Col Thomas D. Toyn, Jun 1963

Maj Guilford M. Hazelwood, 1 Sep 1964

Lt Col James L. Greene, 16 Nov 1964

Maj Lewis E. McRae, 1 Feb 1966

Maj Willard J. Heth, 16 Dec 1967

Maj Joe Sims, 12 Feb 1968

Maj David M. Ward, 16 May 1970

Maj Terrance M. Fox, 16 May 1971

Maj William C. Teachout, Jr., 10 Sep 1971

Maj Charles J. Henicke, 7 May 1973
Maj Robert W. Hudson, 15 Nov 1974
Capt Furman L. Galloway, Jr. (Interim), 15 Jan 1977
Maj Robert W. Hudson, 31 May 1977
Capt Robert G. Cowan, 9 Mar 1978
Maj Robert J. Stolte, Jr., 18 Jul 1981
Maj Marian F. Fredericksen, 21 Oct 1983
Maj Larry L. Petty, 21 Feb 1985
Capt Michael D. McDonald, 6 Feb 1987

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Korea
CCF Intervention
First UN Counteroffensive
CCF Spring Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Jan-31 Dec 1982
1 Jan 1988-31 Dec 1989
1 Jun 1996-31 May 1998
1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
[Dec] 1950-31 May 1951

EMBLEM



2040 Communications Squadron emblem: The United States Air Force colors of blue and gold in the heavens over the globe represent the continuous day and night mission of the unit. The red lightning bolts represent the unit mission: providing many forms of communications support to the host wing. The red Zia sun symbol of the ancient Pueblo Indians signifies the New Mexico location of Cannon AFB, home of the squadron. The white lines of latitude and longitude on the globe represent the proper orientation and positive control provided to the host wing's aircraft and aircrews by the squadron's navigational aids and air traffic control functions. The golden stars in the heavens, separated by blank portions of the blue night sky, indicate the numerical designation of the organization. The green globe represents life, freedom, and the American way of life, all of which this unit is pledged to defend. It also represents a vision of the future and the strong desire of the people in this unit to move forward and lead the way into that future.



27 Communications Squadron emblem: Azure, a vol Argent surmounted by a mullet or, in chief two lightning bolts enarched to sinister pilewise Gules; all within a diminished bordure Sable. Attached above the disc a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "27 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON" in Black letters. Attached below the disc a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "COMMUNICATORS OF CHOICE" in Black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. 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 star represents the squadron's various communications missions. The lightning bolts reflect the speed of response and expertise of the unit when called to complete its assigned duties. The wings symbolize the unit's ability to perform its expeditionary communications missions anywhere and at any time.



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