

2019 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

2019 Communications Squadron designated and activated, 1 Jul 1980

Redesignated 2019 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1984

Redesignated 2019 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

STATIONS

Griffiss AFB, NY

ASSIGNMENTS

Strategic Communications Area (later, Strategic Communications Division; Strategic Information Systems Division; Strategic Communications Division)

COMMANDERS

Maj Ronald K. Hall, 1 Jul 1980

Maj Leroy M. Faust, 25 Sep 1981

Lt Col James R. Skokan, 10 Jun 1983

Lt Col Michael G. Rowles, 8 Jul 1985

Lt Col Ricardo G. Cuadros, 30 Jun 1988

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

The quadrants of the emblem represent the diverse missions of four of the unit's branches—Communications-Electronics Operations, Air Traffic Control Operations, Communications-Electronics Maintenance, and Combat Crew Communications. The lightning bolts separating, but at the same time adjoining, the quadrants represent the media of the air through which the squadron provides its professional communications services. The steel fist holding the lightning bolts represents not only Air Force Communications Command and Strategic Communications Division higher headquarters guidance to the unit's operation, but also the 2019th Command Section, Administrative Branch and Communications-Electronics Programs Branch that provide control and support to the other branches of the organization. The emblem colors, in addition to the Air Force blue and yellow, are the brown of the earth, the green of the lush trees and grass surrounding the 2019th Communication Squadron in central New York, and red symbolizing the courage of the professionals assigned to this unit.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

When the Air Force first proposed the single management concept for Air Force communications, prior to the formation of AFCS in 1961, the Strategic Air Command (SAC) was allowed to maintain its own communications systems. This action was justified because of SAC's specialized, mission-oriented communications requirements. Between 1961 and 1975, a series of Air Force committees evaluated SAC/AFCS consolidation possibilities. A 1968 SAC proposal resulted in the 1970 consolidation of selected SAC/AFCS overseas communications maintenance work centers. When SAC acquired control of Griffiss AFB, New York, on 1 July 1970, the 2019th AFCS Communications Squadron remained manager for ground communications-electronics. Thus, the squadron commander became the first AFCS unit commander to serve in the conventional dual-hat role for SAC.

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Sources

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