

## 2045 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

The 2045 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron (Point-to-Point) was designated and organized, 1 Dec 1952

Redesignated 2045 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron, 15 Dec 1954

Redesignated 2045 Airways and Air Communications Service Group, 15 Jul 1955

Redesignated 2045 Communications Group, 1 Jul 1961

Redesignated 2045 Information Systems Group, 1 Dec 1984

Redesignated 2045 Communications Group, 1 Nov 1986

### STATIONS

Andrews AFB, MD

### ASSIGNMENTS

1800 Airways and Air Communications Service Wing

1834 Airways and Air Communications Service Group, 1 Jan 1953

1802 Airways and Air Communications Service Group 1 Jul 1954

1800 Airways and Air Communications Service Wing (later Continental AACS Area, AACS Continental Systems Region; Continental Systems Region), 15 Jul 1955

Eastern Communications Region), 1 Jul 1963

Northern Communications Area, 1 May 1970

Airlift Communications Division (later, Airlift Information Systems Division; Airlift Communications Division), 1 Jun 1981

### COMMANDERS

Lt Col Jasper M. P. Vaughn, 1 Dec 1952  
Lt Col Norman Fertig, 1954  
Lt Col Joe P. Miller, 1955  
Lt Col Fred C. Latham (Interim), 10 Jun 1957  
Col William B. Carroll, 27 Jun 1957  
Lt Col James H. Tillery, 1961  
Col Harry G. Dalton, 1 Jun 1962  
Col Joseph G. Buel, Dec 1965  
Lt Col Lloyd C. Willis (Interim), 30 Jun 1967  
Col Joseph A. Bailey, 7 Aug 1967  
Col Glen L. McSparron, 31 Jul 1969  
Col Charles E. Bayliss, 6 Jul 1971  
Col Jack E. Lambert, Jul 1973  
Col Thomas M. McKee, Jr., 25 Feb 1974  
Col Harold J. Arata, 1 Sep 1976  
Col Robert H. Ludwig, 1978  
Col John W. Graves, 10 Jun 1980  
Col John R. McWilliams, 6 Jan 1983-?  
Col William A. McKenney  
Col John O'Sullivan, 15 Jun 1987

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award:

31 Dec 1971-31 Dec 1972

1 Jan 1975-31 Dec 1975

1 Jan 1979-31 Dec 1980

1 Jan 1983-31 Dec 1984

### **EMBLEM**

Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The lightning flashes symbolize communications/information. The radar tower, computer, and plane indicate the various methods of transmitting information. The globe reflects the worldwide scope of communications systems and the star symbolizes satellite communications. The Capitol refers to the location of the unit in the National Capitol Region.

The emblem was designed by A1C Jerry Isbell and depicts the US Capitol dome with

communications tower conveying the fact that the 2045 provides a considerable amount of communications service and support in and around the nation's capital. A lightning bolt spanning the globe and encompassing an aircraft signifies worldwide airborne and ground communication. The colors of the emblem are a dark blue sky, light blue globe, red and white tower, white aircraft and capitol dome and gold lightning bolt and border.

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

2045th Communications Group was an establishment-level organization from 25 Mar 1960 to 1 Dec 1984. With the deletion of the Headquarters on 1 Dec 1984, the group became a unit-level organization.

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#### **Sources**

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