

## 2151 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

2151 Communications Squadron designated and activated, 2 Oct 1977

Redesignated 2151 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1984

Redesignated 2151 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

### STATIONS

Little Rock AFB, AR

### ASSIGNMENTS

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

Airlift Communications Division, 1 Oct 1987

### COMMANDERS

Maj Curtis L. Roberts, 2 Oct 1977

Lt Col Joe B. Warren, Jr., 9 Jul 1980

Lt Col C. E. Pearsall, Jr., 3 Aug 1982

Lt Col William A. Belote Jr., 9 Aug 1985

Lt Col Elliott R. Orr, 15 Jul 1988

Lt Col Harold E. Saxton, 15 Sep 1989

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan 1979-31 Dec 1979

1 Jan 1983-31 Dec 1984

### **EMBLEM**

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 tower is symbolic of the vital role air traffic controllers have in the mission of Air Force Communications Command units. The radar dish signifies the numerous radar applications in support of major missions. The computer reflects the significant role played by the information processing center and its personnel in support of the agencies at Little Rock Air Force Base. The parachute indicates the unit's support to the primary mission of the 314<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Wing. The North Star from the parent command emblem stands for navigation as a part of command and control. The globe represents the unit's support of the worldwide mission.

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

A minor but important restructuring occurred at Little Rock Air Force Base on December 1, when the Little Rock Air Force Base Data Automation Division merged with the 2151 Information Systems Squadron. The newly combined unit was transferred from MAC to the Air Force Communications Command. The consolidation reduced redundancy and increased information transfer efficiency.

Back at "The Rock", the 2151st Communications Squadron received a new flight data system based on a Zenith 286 computer system on January 4, 1989. Though a dinosaur by today's standards, the new system was a quantum leap forward in flight data electronics in its time. But these advances would go unnoticed do to vexations occurring beyond the base gate.

Two months later, on May 16, a USMC A-4 crashed north of Heber Springs. The 2151 Communications Squadron provided communications for rescue personnel. Rigging an HF radio for the task, the 2151 CS filled the communications void, their improvisation leading to the rescue of the downed pilot.

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