

36 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

The mission of the 36 Communications Squadron is to provide the best Communication and Information Systems support to enhance the 36th Wing and Pacific Air Force missions.

The squadron's four flights are mission systems, support, plans and implementation, and information systems.

The mission systems flight is responsible for ensuring all on- and off-base communications equipment is readily available to support peacetime and wartime operations.

The maintenance support element coordinates and controls the maintenance and restoration of all communication systems; ensures preparations before, and recovery from, natural disasters; provides personnel and technical inspections on more than 50 technicians and \$34.6 million worth of equipment and provides guidance and assistance to maintenance technicians to expedite supply transactions.

The telephone systems work center is equipped with the latest in telephone technology and provides 5,000 customers with local, Defense Switched Network and toll services supported by 72 DSN and 96 off-base trunks.

The cable maintenance work center provides outside plant installation and maintenance of government owned cable on Andersen.

The radio systems element maintains a wide variety of communications equipment on Andersen such as air traffic control ground-to-air radio systems, satellite communications and wideband equipment, Defense Meteorological Satellite Program, small computer and cryptographic

maintenance, the "Giant Voice" system, and is responsible for public address systems setups.

The weather and navigational systems element is responsible for meteorological and navigational support and next-generation weather radar.

The support flight provides postal and information management support to the wing and its associate units.

The postal service center provides first-class official and personal mail services to Team Andersen through innovative, prompt, efficient, economical and reliable mail services.

The information management section provides training and guidance to the entire base on records management, administrative communications and electronic publication and forms development. In addition, this section serves as Andersen's program manager for Privacy Act Information and Freedom of Information Act requests.

The plans and implementation flight is active in all phases of projecting, planning and installing new communications equipment and upgrading existing communications for Andersen. This flight is the squadron focal point for all base communication requirements. Planning and implementation also maintains host-tenant support agreements and interservice support agreements for the 36th CS. Additionally, the wing functional information manager and the squadron resource adviser are part of the planning and implementation flight's team.

The information systems flight is responsible for top-notch communications and computer systems customer support, wing information assurance, network control center operations, automated data processing equipment management, and long-haul communications circuit operations and management for all of Andersen.

The network control center (NCC) is evolving into one of the finest network facilities in PACAF. The NCC is literally the hub of the base, providing connectivity to more than 60 automated systems and, of course, the emerging lifeline of communications, e-mail. The NCC is comprised of the base communications center, help desk, network administration, network management, network security and systems control.

The systems control branch is responsible for the management of Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) circuitry on Andersen. They handle all long haul communications of the Defense Information Infrastructure (DII) for Andersen on and off base and the only digital gateway to the outside world.

The Andersen Information Assurance office is responsible for maintaining, adhering to, and promoting information assurance for Team Andersen. Some of our responsibilities include information assurance awareness, computer security (COMPUSEC), communications security (COMSEC), emissions security (EMSEC), security awareness training and education (SATE), and certification and accreditation (C&A).

The automated data processing equipment (ADPE) office is responsible for overall management of Andersen's ADPE to include all desktop computers, notebooks, servers, printers, monitors and network devices. Equipment control officers (ECOs) within each base organization use the Personal Computer Information Processing Management System (PC-IPMS) to manage their ADPE inventory.

LINEAGE

36 Communications Squadron, Fighter, Jet Constituted, 17 Jun 1948

Activated, 2 Jul 1948

Redesignated 36 Communications Squadron, 20 Jan 1950

Discontinued, and inactivated, 1 Jul 1962

2139 Communications Squadron designated and organized, 1 Jul 1962

Redesignated 2139 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Oct 1984

Redesignated 2139 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

36 Communications Squadron and 2139 Communications Squadron consolidated, 1 May 1991

Consolidated organization designated 36 Communications Squadron

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1994

Activated, 1 Oct 1994

STATIONS

Howard AFB, Canal Zone, 2 Jul-13 Aug 1948

Furstenfeldbruck AB, Germany, 13 Aug 1948

Bitburg AB, Germany, 5 Nov 1952-1 Oct 1994

Andersen AFB, Guam, 1 Oct 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

36 Air Base (later, 36 Combat Support) Group, 2 Jul 1948-1 Jul 1962

Central European Communications Region, 1 Jul 1962

European Communications Area (later, European Communications Division), 30 Jun 1972

2005 Communications Group (later, 2005 Information Systems Group; 2005 Information Systems Wing; 2005 Communications Wing), 1 Apr 1983

36 Tactical Fighter (later, 36 Fighter) Wing, 1 Oct 1990

36 Support Group, 31 Mar 1992-1 Oct 1994

36 Support (later, 36 Mission Support) Group, 1 Oct 1994

COMMANDERS

Maj Marvin J. Anderson, #1952

Maj Russell J. Schuenke, 1 Jul 1962-1965

Lt Col Thomas W. Deering, 10 Nov 1966

Maj James S. Ross, 1968

Maj Wendell W. Jernigan, 1969
Lt Col Gerald D. Sparks, 1 Aug 1973
Maj Carl E. Maschmeyer, 1 Jul 1975
Lt Col J. W. Cahill, Jr., Jul 1978
Maj J. W. Coleman
Maj John W. Droke, 11 May 1983
Lt Col Edwin W. Cohrs, 2 Sep 1986
Lt Col Bruce Weiner, 9 Aug 1989
Maj William G. Gibson
Lt Col Susan Davis

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

May 1956-May 1958

1 May 1975-31 Dec 1976

1 Jan 1986-31 Dec 1987

1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1990

1 Sep 1990-31 Jul 1991

30 Jun 1992-1 Jul 1994

1 Oct 1994-30 Sep 1996

1 Oct 1996-30 Sep 1997

1 Oct 1997-30 Sep 1999

1 Sep 2000-31 Aug 2002

1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004

1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2005

EMBLEM



2139 Communications Squadron emblem: A disc outlined black. The background divided per bend yellow and blue by a red lightning bolt, bend-wise. On the blue, a brown castle tower between a yellow unknown and star above and a yellow star and cross below. On the yellow, a blue silhouetted head in profile, cooped at the neck, emitting three red radiating lightning bolts, one terminating below a blue aircraft and one terminating below a blue telephone headset. Attached above the disc, a blank green scroll, edged black. Attached below the disc, a green scroll, edged black, and inscribed Communicating the Peace in black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The Bitburg city emblem originated in 1857. The castle tower represents defiance of the populace to invasion by savage hordes, the open gate indicating that purveyors of the peace were always welcome. Stars and crosses represent royalty and religions that molded this Eifel region through the ages. The large lightning bolt represents the ultimate necessity of communications for mission accomplishment and survivability. The microwave tower, aircraft and telephone handset represent the various modes of communications provided to the host base. The silhouetted head with emanating lightning bolts represents the knowledgeable, skilled people who perform all tasks for mission completion.

On a disc Azure, a delta representing a radio communications tower Gules in middle base to fess point with four lightning flashes emitting from fess point to sinister side, sinister chief, dexter side, and dexter chief Or, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "COMMUNICATING THE PEACE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "36TH COMMUNICATIONS SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force 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 delta wing represents both a radio communication tower, as well as the arrowhead depicted in the 36th Air Expeditionary Wing's shield. It symbolizes the important role that communication plays in supporting the Wing's airpower capabilities. The lightning bolts represent four elements: communication, computers, command and control. (Approved, 1 May 2006)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

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