

## 72 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 72 Communications Squadron provides command, control, communications, computers, weather and information management support to 60,000 base personnel. This includes the largest air logistics center in Air Force Materiel Command and 45 associate units assigned to six major commands including an Airborne Warning and Control System wing, a Navy flying wing and Air Force Reserve wing.

The squadron also provides and supports global logistics and data operations and deploys personnel and equipment in support of global contingencies.

What the unit composes: 242 military, civilians and contractors

What the unit manages:

- Records management, publications/forms management and mail distribution
- Network maintenance
- Network file, print, Web services
- Help Desk services
- Land mobile radio maintenance services
- 911 services
- Communications/electrical

maintenance services:

- Intrusion detection system/CSIRs maintenance
- Radio COMSEC maintenance
- Core automated maintenance system
- Air-to-ground maintenance
- Public address
- Switchboard operators

- Telephone/network infrastructure maintenance
- Automated data processing equipment
- Postal metering for first class mail
- Emergency phone system (red phone)
- 72 CS cable TV services
- Glenwood facility giant voice

Annual operating budget: \$9.2 million

#### **LINEAGE**

72 Communications constituted

Activated

inactivated, 10 Sep 2009

#### **STATIONS**

Tinker AFB, OK

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

#### **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Kyna McCall

Lt Col Steven Hailes, #2002

#### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

#### **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, fimbriated Or, a mullet charged with a torteau and voluted by a cogwheel voided of the field between in chief a compass rose and in base three stylized Doric columns in fess all Argent, detailed Sable, all between two lightning bolts arched and couched in reverse Gules, garnished White, all within a narrow border Black. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "72D COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON" in Black letters.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theatre of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The field alludes to the sky, which is the primary theatre of Air Force operations. The centrally located gear bearing the Air Force star is borrowed from the Air Logistics Center shield and represents the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center and Tinker AFB. The

compass rose is symbolic of the numerous flying missions that the Squadron supports. The three white columns located across the bottom of the disc represent the Squadron's support of the activities symbolized above them. The two lightning bolts symbolize the electronic nature of the unit's support. The circular border symbolizes the continuous nature of the Squadron's support.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

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