

## 97 COMPTROLLER SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

The squadron is comprised of 30 military and civilians, providing world-class decision support to wing leaders and financial services to individuals. To perform these missions, the squadron is comprised of two flights, Financial Analysis and Financial Services.

The Financial Analysis Flight is responsible for all facets of managing budgetary and accounting resources in support of the wing's mission. The flight assists leaders with timely and relevant financial advice for estimating program requirements and translating those requirements into budget execution plans and operating budgets. The flight also provides cost validation of proposed ideas and alternatives to meet mission objectives. Finally, the flight uses traditional and innovative resourcing to support wing priorities while ensuring internal controls are in place to conform to federal laws for expenditure of funds. In addition to its budgetary function, the flight is the interface between local customers, both individuals and businesses, and the Defense Accounting and Finance Service. They certify funding is available before contracts are awarded and ensure payments are documented and processed appropriately.

The Financial Services Flight handles military and civilian pay issues, retirement and savings programs, debt collections, travel entitlements and other individual financial calculations for all Department of Defense personnel assigned to units on Altus Air Force Base, as well as military retirees in the area.

Finally, the squadron leadership staff oversees internal processes. The Quality Assurance Monitor tracks performance of other sections within the squadron in order to evaluate the quality of support provided to customers. The Non-Appropriated Funds Analyst functions much like a financial consultant and accountant for the base activities which must be self supporting, such as the bowling

center. All function together to provide world-class support.

### **LINEAGE**

97 Finance Disbursing Unit, Bombardment, Medium constituted, 28 May 1948

Activated, 12 Jul 1948

Inactivated, 1 Nov 1949

Disbanded, 9 Aug 1950

Reconstituted and redesignated 97 Comptroller Squadron, 9 Jan 1987

Activated, 1 Jul 1987

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1992

Redesignated 97 Comptroller Flight, 5 Apr 1995

Activated, 10 May 1995

Redesignated 97 Comptroller Squadron, 21 Jun 2004

### **STATIONS**

Biggs AFB, TX, 12 Jul 1948-1 Nov 1949

Blytheville (later, Eaker) AFB, AR, 1 Jul 1987-1 Oct 1992

Altus AFB, OK, 10 May 1995

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

97 Air Base Group, 12 Jul 1948-1 Nov 1949

97 Bombardment Wing (later, 97 Wing), 1 Jul 1987

97 Support Group, 1 Apr-1 Oct 1992

97 Air Mobility Wing, 10 May 1995

### **COMMANDERS**

Maj Randy E. Smith

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

[1 Jul 1987]-30 Jun 1988

1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2004

1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2006

1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2008

1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2009

1 Jul 2009-30 Jun 2010

1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2011  
1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 201  
1 Jul 2013-30 Jun 2015  
1 Jul 2016-30 Jun 2017  
1 Jul 2017-30 Jun 2019  
1 Jul 2019-30 Jun 2021

## EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, a dollar sign Vert couped in half, accosted and fimbriated Or, between two four-pointed mullets of the same, all within a narrow border Green. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "EXCELLENTIA BENEFICIUM INGENUUS" in Green letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "97 COMPTROLLER SQUADRON" in Green 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 dollar sign represents the core mission of financial analysis and services provided by the unit. The stars symbolize the stellar financial operations provided worldwide in a mobile role. (Approved, 18 Aug 2011)

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

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