

# **MILITARY SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS WING**

## **MISSION**

Military Satellite Communications (MILSATCOM) Systems Wing plans for, acquires and sustains space-enabled global communications to support the President, secretary of defense, and combat forces. MILSATCOM systems consists of satellites, terminals and control stations, worth more than \$40 billion providing communication for 16,000 aircraft, ships, mobile and fixed sites. It is a jointly-manned wing which interfaces with Major Commands, Headquarters, United States Air Force, and Department of Defense agencies. The MCSW is DoD's primary acquirer of satellite communication systems to equip national authority and combat forces of all services with survivable, worldwide, rapid communications for all levels of conflict.

The wing has a combined portfolio for protected, wideband and network systems, the future systems to support Transformational Communications Architecture and support infrastructure. MCSW provides program management direction for all phases of system acquisition for the current and future MILSATCOM satellite programs from concept through orbital operations. The wing directs activities of the support systems manager for sustainment of MILSATCOM terminals, Defense Satellite Communication System and Milstar satellites, receiver systems and control segment equipment and the Terminal Engineering Office for resolution of terminal issues. The MCSW maintains significant multi-service, multi-agency and multi-national involvement in current acquisition.

## **LINEAGE**

Military Satellite Communications Systems Wing

## **STATIONS**

Los Angeles AFB, CA

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

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