

193rd COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT



LINEAGE

193rd Information Systems Flight
Redesignated 193rd Communications Flight
Redesignated 193rd Communications Squadron

STATIONS

Middletown, PA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj Walter Benson
Maj Gerald S. Leib
Maj John W. Obradovich

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Sable, issuant from sinister base a globe Azure, gridlined, fimbriated and radiating four concentric radio waves bendwise Argent, overall and issuant from sinister base a mailed fist bendwise Buff, grasping four lightning flashes arcing bendwise Or, garnished Tenné, all within a narrow border Silver Gray. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Silver Gray border and inscribed "193D COMMUNICATIONS SQ" in Silver Gray letters. 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 four lightning flashes represent the four flights of the Squadron and its importance to command and control. The mailed fist symbolizes the unit's historical association with the Air Force Communications Agency. The radio waves emanating from globe towards space symbolize the unit's worldwide communications capabilities.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

All civilian and military communications are processed by the Information Systems Flight which also provides communications equipment installation and repair service. Also part of the Information Systems Flight is the base data processing shop. The Flight consists of 42 enlisted members and 3 officers. The Flight shares the Operations Building #76 and has a small radio facility in the Headquarters building also.

The 193rd Communication Flight — 30 members participated in a two week tour at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida 13 to 27 March. All communications career fields were represented with the radio operators working on off-shore boats. 1982

The 193rd Communications Flight put in fourteen days of training from 4 to 17 June at Langley AFB in Virginia assisting the 1913th Communications Group. Included in their training was three days of training in convoy driving, camouflaging, field sanitation, and tent pitching. 1983

The 193rd Communications Flight got a spring break from Harrisburg's winter frost as 38 members spent two weeks at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, in March. The radio operators had a brand-new experience when they worked their shifts on Navy boats off the Florida coasts to provide support for Air Force target maneuvers. 1985

Air Force Order of Battle

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