

280th COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

To provide communications and information systems for Command and Control of Special Operations Forces worldwide, as well as respond to State emergencies as directed by the Governor.

LINEAGE

280th Communications Squadron (Special), Jan 1959

Redesignated 280th Combat Communications Squadron

Redesignated 280th Combat Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1985

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STATIONS

Abston Air National Guard Station ANGS, AL, Oct 1986

Hall ANGS, Apr 1996

Dothan Regional Airport ANGS, AL, Aug 2004

ASSIGNMENTS

226th Combat Communications Group

COMMANDERS

LTC Oliver C. Wiley, 1959

LTC Luther L. Hall, 1966

LTC Carroll Stough, 1971

LTC Bobby J. Ward, 1976

Maj David C. Bowen, 1989

LTC Bernard E. Cox, 1990
LTC Frank W. Barnett Jr., 1995
LTC Charles W. Sachs, 1999
Maj Steven A. Poole, 2001
LTC Robert L. Bell, 2003
LTC Eric R. Good, 2005
LTC Kenneth W. Pruitt, 2008

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



On a blue disc. Issuing from lower left a yellow demisphere grid lined black and a yellow satellite in lower left emitting two red dash lines to the sphere; above the sphere and satellite a gray eagle with wings displayed throughout detailed black olive branches with white berries in his left claw; all within a narrow yellow border.

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

Blue and 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 globe represents the worldwide scope of mobility. The eagle symbolizes strength and keenness of vision. The lightning flashes and olive branches refer to the unit's motto, COMMUNICATIONS FOR PEACE. The satellite reflects the high technology required of the unit in order to perform its mission

MOTTO

COMMUNICATIONS FOR PEACE

NICKNAME**OPERATIONS**

In Jan 1959, the 280th CBCS was federally recognized as the 280th Communications Squadron (Special). The first members enlisted in the squadron in Mar 1959. In 1967, members of the 280th Communications Squadron (Special) were selected for training in response to then-President Johnson's directive to use Army and Air Guard units to maintain domestic order. Those members were appointed to Team 3 of Task Force Foxtrot, which was responsible for riot control. In Oct 1982, the unit was redesignated 280th Combat Communications Squadron.

31 Aug 2005 Eleven personnel from the 280th Combat Communications Squadron, Alabama ANG, deployed to Ocean Springs, Mississippi, to support hurricane relief efforts.

19 Sep Twelve personnel from the 280th Combat Communications Squadron, Alabama ANG, deployed from Ocean Springs, Mississippi to Lafayette Airport, Louisiana in preparation for Tropical Storm Rita.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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