

403 COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT



MISSION

LINEAGE

403 Communications Squadron, Troop Carrier, Medium constituted, 10 May 1949

Activated in the Reserve, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 403 Communications Squadron, 4 Mar 1950

Ordered to Active Service, 1 Apr 1951

Relieved from Active Duty, 15 Nov 1952

Inactivated, 1 Jan 1953

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jan 1953

Inactivated, 14 Apr 1959

403 Operations Squadron constituted, 5 Dec 1958

Activated in the Reserve, 14 Apr 1959

Ordered to Active Service, 28 Oct 1962

Relieved from Active Duty, 28 Nov 1962

Discontinued, and inactivated, 15 Jan 1963

403 Communications Flight constituted, 7 Feb 1977

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Mar 1977

Inactivated, 1 Nov 1983

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Nov 1983

Redesignated 403 Information Systems Squadron, 10 Apr 1985

403 Communications Squadron, 403 Operations Squadron and 403 Information Systems Squadron consolidated, 1 Feb 1987. Consolidated organization designated 403 Communications Squadron.

Redesignated 403 Communications Flight, 1 Aug 1992
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1995
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Apr 1997

STATIONS

Portland Muni Airport (later, Portland Intl Airport), OR, 27 Jun 1949-29 Mar 1952
Ashiya AB, Japan, 14 Apr 1952-1 Jan 1953
Portland Intl Aprt, OR, 1 Jan 1953
Selfridge AFB, MI, 16 Nov 1957-15 Jan 1963
Selfridge ANGB, MI, 1 Mar 1977-1 Nov 1983
Keesler AFB, MS, 1 Nov 1983-1 Jul 1995
Keesler AFB, MS, 1 Apr 1997

ASSIGNMENTS

403 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

1st Lt Robert Poncet, 1 Jun 1997
Capt Bruce Coole, 2 Nov 2001
Lt Col Gary Flynn, 9 Feb 2004
Maj Brian Bell, 15 Apr 2005
Maj Charles Destefani
Capt Courtney Tremer, 9 Jan 2021

HONORS

Service Streamers

Korean Service

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Jul 1977-31 Dec 1978
1 Jan 1980-31 Dec 1981
1 Jul 1984-30 Jun 1986
1 May 1992-30 Apr 1994

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
14 Apr 1952-1 Jan 1953

EMBLEM



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 reflects the worldwide mobility capabilities of the unit and its support of Air Force global communications. The flight symbols stand for the aircraft the squadron supports. The lightning flashes denote the command and control functions of the unit. The sword symbolizes the contribution of defense made by the squadron. (Approved, 4 May 1992)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

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Sources

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