

439 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

439 Communications Squadron

STATIONS

Westover ARB, MA

ASSIGNMENTS

439 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Keith D. Kennedy Sr.,
Lt Col David M. Ashley
Lt Col Anthony M. Perkins
Maj Patrick Ryan
Lt Col Venice Goodwine

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, issuing from sinister chief to dexter base a cloud Argent, fimbriated and detailed

Sable, surmounted by three lightning flashes issuing from sinister base arching to sinister chief, dexter, and dexter base Or fimbriated of the first, in chief two deltas to dexter one and one Gules fimbriated of the third, all within a narrow border of the like. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "A VERBIS AD VERBERA" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "439TH COMMUNICATIONS SQ" in Black 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 two delta flight symbols represent airlift formation flight symbolizing the patriotism, teamwork, and fortitude needed to support the unit's worldwide mission as well as readiness for the assigned deployed support mission. The thunder cloud symbolizes the inertia created by newer Air Force battle space, the global information grid that is underpinning of network centric operations through the reality it conveys and retrospection it allows. The lightning bolts symbolize the unit's ability to network and deliver communications.

MOTTO

A VERBIS AD VERBERA--From Words To Blows

OPERATIONS

Communications squadron reservists notched another first for the Patriot Wing in April with the first field exercise of a new mobile communications package conducted at an Air Force Reserve Command base. The Airmen successfully put their new Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) system to the test, said Capt. Jeremy Downer, 439th Communications Squadron officer in charge. He and a group of communications Airmen started the field exercise the morning of April 1 by rolling out components of the mobile communications kit, all of which fit inside of a 19-foot trailer and on the back of two flat-bed trucks. An extensive set-up kicked off the exercise at 8:30 a.m., including satellite and antennae arrays; a tent that serves as the mobile command center, as well as a variety of communications equipment.

The demonstration started in the early afternoon once the Airmen built a mock emergency site in a grassy field on base. The ravages of a raging hurricane several years ago left more than scarred lands in the southeastern portion of the country. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the lesson of stronger communications between different agencies left its mark, too. The National Guard built the JISCC to make the job of responding to natural or man-made disasters a little easier. Now AFRC is adapting the capability to allow its bases flexible emergency response communications. The JISCC is a communications innovation born after Hurricane Katrina in response to the challenges faced by multiple agencies in communicating with each other, Captain Downer said.

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