

507 COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT



MISSION

LINEAGE

507 Communications Flight, 4 May 1972

Activated in the Reserve, 20 May 1972

Redesignated 507 Information Systems Squadron, 10 Apr 1985

Redesignated 507 Communications Squadron, 1 Feb 1987

Redesignated 507 Communications Flight, 1 Aug 1992

STATIONS

Tinker AFB, OK, 20 May 1972

ASSIGNMENTS

507 Tactical Fighter Group, 20 May 1972

507 Combat Support Group, 25 Mar 1973

507 Tactical Fighter (later, 507 Fighter) Group, 10 Apr 1985

507 Support Group, 1 Aug 1992

COMMANDERS

Maj Jeremy Overton #2011

Maj Kevin Sorrels, 1 Oct 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1985-1 Jul 1986

10 Aug 1987-31 Aug 1989

1 Jan 1992-31 Dec 1993

1 Jan 1994-31 Jul 1995

1 Aug 1996-31 Jul 1998

EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, a globe enhanced Celeste, gridlined and edged Argent, surmounted by a dexter cubit arm erect, hand clenched Gules shaded and detailed Sanguine, holding three lightning flashes, one fesswise and two in saltire Or. Arcing between the lightning flashes in chief, seven white mullets, all within a diminished border Yellow. Attached above the disc, an Ultramarine Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "507TH COMMUNICATIONS FLT" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, an Ultramarine Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "MAKE IT HAPPEN" in Yellow 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 seven stars signify the continents, the potential theater of operations. The globe refers to the scope of the unit's mission. The lightning flashes symbolize electronic communications, its energy and swiftness. A scarlet fist stands for commitment and determination to fulfill the unit's mission. (Approved, 15 Nov 2001)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 507th Communications Squadron received an opportunity to test their wartime skills during a January deployment. The deployment, called Exercise Com Cob II, began Jan. 11 at Bergstrom AFB, TX. The 507th Communications Squadron trains to provide the set up and operation of data

automation and communications, such as telephone and teletype, during peacetime and wartime deployments. According to Maj. Harold Collins, 507th CS Commander, "This exercise evaluated the ability of the AFRES Communications Squadrons to deploy, establish communications and operate in a potentially hostile environment." Major Collins said the exercise helped demonstrate to communications members and inspectors that good training and teamwork can overpower any worst-case scenarios. "This exercise was our Operational Readiness Inspection," said MSgt. Jimmie Guthrie, air reserve technician for the squadron. He added that although the communications members were key participants during the 507th ORI last year, the communications crew was not evaluated by inspectors. "We're the only squadron in the 507th that goes through back-to-back ORIs," he said. The Communications Squadron has a total of 23 personnel assigned, making it the smallest squadron in the 507th. The group ORI honed the disaster preparedness and warfare skills to the point that there was not a single comment made about problems involving chemical attacks while at Exercise Com Cob. "Our command and control ran like a finely oiled machine," Sergeant Guthrie said. "No matter how many of the key personnel were 'killed', the next person to take command knew what was expected." Major Collins said the maintenance sections were praised as some of the best the inspectors had seen. "Our operations excelled. The inspectors told us we had a message reject rate lower than they had seen in the last two years," he said. The major said the inspectors comments proved again the squadron is an organization of professional communication specialists. "I believe we have one of the best team-oriented units you will find anywhere. Everyone pulls together to get the mission accomplished. The Com Cob II exercise proved this once again," he said.

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