

17 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

Provide communications and information support for the 17th Training Wing and Goodfellow AFB tenant units.

17 Communications Squadron includes:

- Information Systems Flight
- Mission Systems Flight
- Plans Flight
- Information Management
- Information Assurance

LINEAGE

17 Communications Sq constituted, 8 May 1952
Activated, 10 May 1952
Inactivated, 25 Jun 1958
Activated, 31 Jul 1975
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1977
Activated 1 Jul 1993

STATIONS

Pusan East AB, Korea
Eglin AF Auxiliary Field #9 (Hurlburt Field), FL, 1 Apr 1955-25 Jun 1958
Beale AFB, CA, 30 Sep 1975-1 Oct 1977
Goodfellow AFB, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

17 Air Base Group
17 Combat Support Group, 30 Sep 1975
Strategic Communications Area, 1 Jul 1976
17 Support Group
17 Mission Support Group, 3 Sep 2002

COMMANDERS

Maj Ted E. Simon, #1956

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Korea
Summer-Fall, 1952
Third Korean Winter

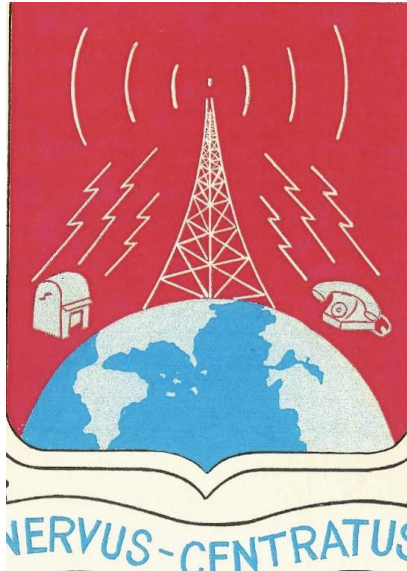
Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Jul 1992 - 30 Jun 1994
1 Jul 1995 - 30 Jun 1997
1 Jul 1997 - 30 Jun 1999
1 Jul 2013 - 30 Jun 2005
1 Jul 2007 - 30 Jun 2009
1 Jul 2009 - 30 Jun 2011
1 Jul 2011 - 30 Jun 2013
1 Jul 2013 - 30 Jun 2015
1 Jul 2015 - 30 Jun 2017

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
24 May 1952 - 31 Mar 1953

EMBLEM



The original emblem of the 17th Communications Squadron was first approved in 1956.

On a disc per bend Or and Azure a lightning flash issuant from chief bendwise Gules in dexter a mullet Argent in sinister a hand in armor grasping three arrows of the last fimbriated and garnished of the first, all within a narrow border Red. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "17TH COMMUNICATIONS SQ" in Red 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 divided disc represents night and day, signifying endless vigilance and consistency in dedicated service. The star suggests perfection demonstrated by unit personnel in the performance of their duties. The armored hand grasping the arrows symbolizes the Squadron's control over all aspects of communication; the arrows further show that communication travels in all directions. The lightning bolt reflects the harnessing of electricity for communications purposes and also indicates the unit's additional functions in communications training. (Approved, 12 Jan 1995)

MOTTO

NERVUS-CENTRATUS--Nerve Center

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OPERATIONS

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