

# 1868 FACILITY CHECKING SQUADRON



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

1868 Facility Checking Squadron (Service Evaluation) designated and organized, 1 Apr 1963  
Redesignated 1868 Facility Checking Squadron, 1 Jan 1966  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1987

## STATIONS

Wiesbaden AB, Germany, 1 Apr 1963  
Rhein Main AB, Germany, 1 Jan 1976

## ASSIGNMENTS

European-African-Middle Eastern Communications Area (later, European Communications Area;  
European Communications Division; European Information Systems Division; European  
Communications Division), 1 Apr 1963

## WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-140  
T-39  
T-33

## COMMANDERS

Lt Col George H. Tully, 1968  
Lt Col Joseph H. Valley, Jr., 1972  
Lt Col George Balog, 1977  
Maj Thaddeus A. Bookman, 1983  
Maj Harry J. Hodges III, 1986

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Apr 1963-28 Feb 1965

1 Jan-31 Dec 1981

1 Oct 1984-31 Dec 1985

## **EMBLEM**

Approved, 18 May 1983

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Squadron members conducted pilot to forecaster evaluations, Notice to Airmen evaluations, radar evaluations and flight checks.

By the summer of 1965, navigational aid installations in Southeast Asia had expanded to the point that the two C-140A aircraft assigned to the 1867th Facility Checking Flight at Clark AB, Philippines, could not keep pace with flight check requirements. As a result, AFCS transferred the two C-140s assigned to the 1868th Facility Checking Flight, at Wiesbaden AB, Germany, to the Pacific.

On 1 Jun 1986, Headquarters, Terminal Instrument Procedures and Headquarters, European Central Altitude Reservation Facility merged with 1868<sup>th</sup> Facility Checking Squadron to form one unit. The merger tripled size of unit and gave three distinct missions to unit. Unit did not fly for 51 consecutive days due to maintenance problems. Maintenance on T-39 continued as a major problem.

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