

33 COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

33 Combat Communications Squadron constituted, 15 Jul 1988
Activated 22 Jul 1988

STATIONS

Tinker AFB, OK

ASSIGNMENTS

3 Combat Communications Group

COMMANDERS

Capt John S. Haven II, 3 Aug 1989
Lt Col Mark G. Langenderfer, #2002

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Southwest Asia
Defense of Saudi Arabia
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Award
1 Jun 2008-31 May 2009

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 May 1990-30 Apr 1992

1 Apr 1992-31 Mar 1994

1 Apr-31 Dec 1994

1 Jan 1995-31 May 1996

1 Jun 1996-31 May 1997

1 Jun 1999-31 May 2001

1 Jun 2001-31 May 2002

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 emphasizes the unit's worldwide communications capabilities. The encircling lightning flashes suggest the speed with which information is relayed from anywhere in the world. The star represents air traffic services provided by the unit. The bull is symbolic of the squadron's personnel and their strength, determination and resolve of purpose. The sword stands for military preparedness and the unit's commitment to protect and defend. (Approved, 17 Sep 1990)

MOTTO

We cover the world

OPERATIONS

The 33 Combat Communications Squadron is one of the three squadrons created July 19, 1988 under special order G-60 from Headquarters, Air Force Communications Command.

Some of our past deployments include Operation Uphold/Maintain Democracy, Operation Desert Focus, Operation Joint Endeavor, Operation Provide Comfort, Operation Laser Strike/Constant Vigil and Roving Sands, the world's largest Joint Tactical Air Operations exercise.

Most recently, the 33 led the 3rd Herd as the first squadron to deploy to Southwest Asia as part of Air Combat Command's Unit Integrity effort. Nearly 70 personnel departed in January and February 1998 to the region and were in place at the onset of Operation Desert Thunder, the deployment of troops to the region to help persuade Iraq to allow weapons inspections.

In July 1997, the 33 deployed 15 troops in support of New Horizons '97, a two-month humanitarian effort to build schools and hospitals, and provide medical treatment in Guyana, South America. The team, based 20 miles south of Georgetown, provided critical communications support to 300 personnel at the main camp and four remote jungle sites.

In April 1995, the 33 CCS was tasked to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency in extricating victims from the bombed Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The squadron provided manpower and life support equipment for around-the-clock recovery efforts.

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