

8 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

8 Communications Squadron mission is combat focused communications unit located on the USAF's last true remote warrior air base. Provides communications, information and navigation aids systems and services to 3,100 warriors and 40 F-16 combat aircraft. Devises and executes plans and programs supporting training and wartime execution of the 8 Fighter Wing (8 FW) mission to defend the base, accept follow-on forces and take the fight north.

Communications Squadron of 160 Airman, 1 US civilian and 26 Korean civilians. Directs ops in 20 work centers to support 45 F-16 aircraft fleet worth \$1.4B/generating 6.5K combat sorties/yr. Maintains a \$50M telecommunications network and \$25M in NAVAIDs for 8 FW and ROKAF's 38 FG. Provides cyber defense for 2.9K C4 systems in support of 3.1K USAF, Army personnel and ROK nationals. Executes \$507K budget for contingency, knowledge/postal ops, LMR, CATV contracts, and info assurance.

LINEAGE

8 Communications Squadron, Fighter, Single Engine constituted 10 Aug 1948

Activated, 18 Aug 1948

Redesignated 8 Communications Squadron, Fighter, Jet, 1 Jan 1950

Redesignated 8 Communications Squadron, 20 Jan 1950

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1957

1982 Communications Squadron designated, 1 Nov 1965

Organized, 1 Nov 1965

Redesignated 1982 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Aug 1984

Redesignated 1982 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

8 Communications Squadron and 1982 Communications Squadron consolidated, 1 Feb 1992

Redesignated 8 Communications Squadron, 3 Feb 1992

STATIONS

Ashiya Airfield, Japan, 18 Aug 1948

Itazuke Airfield (later Air Base), Japan, 25 Mar 1949

Pyongyang, North Korea, 1 Dec 1950

Seoul Airdrome, South Korea, 3 Dec 1950

Itazuke Air Base, Japan, 9 Dec 1950

Kimpo Air Base, South Korea, 18 May 1951

Suwon Air Base, South Korea, 20 Aug 1951

Itazuke Air Base, Japan, 19 Oct 1954 - 1 Oct 1957

Ubon Airfield (later, Ubon Royal Thai AFB), Thailand, 8 Dec 1965

Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, 16 Sep 1974 - current

ASSIGNMENTS

8 Air Base Group, 18 Aug 1948-1 Oct 1957

1974 Communications Group, 1 Nov 1965

2146 Communications Group, 16 Sep 1974

8 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1990

8 Support (later 8 Mission Support) Group, 3 Feb 1992

COMMANDERS

Capt Ronald D. Thornberry, 1 Nov 1965

Maj Embert D. Walker, 5 Jan 1966

Maj William H. Blankfield, Jr., 8 Dec 1966

Maj Raymond M. Oshima, 22 Nov 1967

Maj Elmer G. Humphreys (Interim), 8 Oct 1968

Maj Robert E. Lee, 24 Nov 1968

Maj William I. Thibodeau, 7 Jun 1969

Lt Col James P. Ent, 4 Dec 1969

Maj Billy H. Floyd (Interim), 9 May 1970

Maj Thomas L. Trace, 18 May 1970

Maj Wallace E. Aho, 12 May 1971

Maj Nick G. Tulintseff, 22 Feb 1972

Maj Francis K. H. Hasegawa, 27 Feb 1973

Lt Col John A. Jankowski, 19 Feb 1974

Lt Col Keith J. Munich, 9 Jul 1974

Lt Col Sidney H. Gordon, 16 Sep 1974

Maj Miles Irmis, Jr., 3 Jul 1975

Maj Vance H. Cordell, 10 Mar 1976

Maj Paul J. O'keefe, 4 Mar 1977

Maj James H. Brown, 22 Apr 1978
Lt Col Philip Daley, 14 Apr 1979
Lt Col Geoffrey R. Davison, 17 Apr 1980
Maj Donald R. Miller, 30 Jan 1981
Maj Thomas J. Schofield, 6 Feb 1981
Maj Patrick H. O'neil, 3 Apr 1981
Maj Gregory W. Moyle, 21 Mar 1982
Maj Larry P. Haight, 15 Mar 1983
Maj Hoyt M. Warren, Jr., 16 Mar 1984
Maj Jackie C. Potter, 16 Apr 1985
Maj Jimmie A. Blackwell, 7 May 1986
Maj Sheri L. Wolfson, 6 May 1987
Maj John C. Goodman, 25 Apr 1988
Maj Gary D. Powell, 4 Jun 1989
Maj Gerald F Vaverchak, 16 Jul 1992
Maj Wayne R. Fullerton, 9 Jul 1993
Maj Jimmy M. Quinn, Jun 1994
Maj Robert N. Pase Jr., 23 Jun 1995
Maj William C. Hall Jr., 19 Jun 1996
Maj Frederic M. Arrendale, 10 Jul 1997
Lt Col Scott M. Brown, 25 Jun 1998
Maj William A. Thompson, 17 Jun 1999
Maj Dennis J. Simpson, 28 Jun 2000
Maj Scott D. Tobin, 27 Jun 2001
Maj Brian L. Konkel, 26 Jun 2002
Maj Amy V. Arwood, 25 Jun 2003
Maj John Anderson, 24 Jun 2004
Maj Young-Kun Yu, 3 Jun 2005
Maj Bryan D. Richardson, 28 Jun 2006
Maj David Henry, 27 Jun 2007
Maj Brian Eberhardt, 25 Jun 2008
Maj Hewett S. Wells, 25 Jun 2009
Maj Nathaniel Ards, 1 Jul 2010
Maj Brian Snyder, 30 Jun 2011
Maj Reynaldo Champion, 22 Jun 2012
Lt Col Justin Mokrovich, 20 Jun 2013
Maj Scott Metzler, 2 Jul 2014
Maj Frank Theising, 25 Jun 2015
Lt Col Amanda K. Scoughton, 16 Jun 2016

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

CCF Intervention 1950- 1951
CCF Spring Offensive 1951
UN Summer-Fall Offensive 1951
Second Korean Winter 1951-1952
Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
Third Korean Winter 1952-1 953
Korea, Summer 1953

Vietnam Defensive 1965-1966
Vietnam Air 1966
Vietnam Air Offensive 1966-1967
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II 1967- 1968
Vietnam Air/Ground 1968
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III 1968
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV 1968- 1969
Tet 69/Counteroffensive 1969
Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969
Vietnam Winter/Spring 1969- 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive 1970
Southwest Monsoon 1970
Commando Hunt V 1970-1971
Commando Hunt VI 1971
Commando Hunt VII 1971 -1972
Vietnam Ceasefire 1972- 1973

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations
1 Mar 1967 - 31 Mar 1968

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat V
1 Nov 1965 – 30 Jun 1966
16 Dec 1965 – 15 Dec 1966
1 Jul 1967 – 30 Jun 1968
1 Jul 1968 – 30 Jun 1969
1 Jul 1969 – 30 Jun 1970
1 Jul 1970 – 30 Jun 1971
1 Jul 1971 – 30 Jun 1972
1 Jul 1972 – 30 Jun 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Aug 1995 – 31 Jul 1997
1 Oct 2003 - 30 Sep 2005

1 Oct 2005 - 30 Sep 2007

1 Nov 2009 - 31 Oct 2011

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations

17 Jun 1950 - 31 Jan 1951

1 Feb 1951 - 31 Mar 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

1 Apr 1966 - 28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM



1982 Communications Squadron emblem The ultramarine blue background, with the red bolts, represents the range of communications services provided by the 1982 Communications Squadron. The control tower, the radio antenna, the microwave tower, the telephones, and the Air Force aircraft, extending outward from the center of the bolts, show how everything ties together to ensure the squadron mission is achieved. The 1982 Communications Squadron is always in touch.

8 Communications Squadron 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 disc is colored and divided as a taeguk and depicts the host location of the unit. The wolf's head represents the Squadron's support of its parent unit and its important role of providing stability through deterrence. The lightning flashes denote the five functions of the Squadron and the speed with which unit personnel accomplish their tasks.

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OPERATIONS

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