

# 95<sup>th</sup> COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



## MISSION

### LINEAGE

1925<sup>th</sup> AACS Squadron designated and organized, 8 Dec 1956  
Redesignated 1925<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961  
Redesignated 1925<sup>th</sup> Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jan 1986  
Redesignated 1925<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986  
Redesignated 6500<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, 1 Apr 1991  
Redesignated 6500<sup>th</sup> Communications-Computer Systems Squadron, 16 Jul 1991  
Redesignated 650<sup>th</sup> Communications-Computer Systems Squadron, 2 Oct 1992  
Redesignated 95<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, 1 Oct 1994  
Inactivated, 6 Apr 2001  
Activated, 6 Jul 2005

### STATIONS

Edwards AFB, CA, 8 Dec 1956-6 Apr 2001  
Edwards AFB, CA, 6 Jul 2005

### ASSIGNMENTS

1801<sup>st</sup> Airways and Air Communications Service Group (later, Western Airways and Air Communications Service Region; Western Communications Region), 8 Dec 1956  
Southern Communications Area, 1 May 1970  
Continental Communications Division, 1 Jun 1981  
Research and Acquisition Information Systems (later, Research and Acquisition Communications)

Division, 1 Jan 1986  
6500<sup>th</sup> Air Base (later, 6500<sup>th</sup> Support; 650<sup>th</sup> Air Base) Wing, 3 Oct 1990  
95<sup>th</sup> Support Group, 1 Oct 1994-6 Apr 2001  
95<sup>th</sup> Communications Group, 6 Jul 2005  
95<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group, 30 Jun 2010

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Julian M. Lacalle, Jr., 1 Jan 1962  
LTC Vernon C. King, 3 Jul 1962  
Maj Kenneth A. Taylor, 9 Nov 1963  
LTC William A. Trotter, 8 May 1967  
LTC Raymond J. Curtis, 1 Jan 1971  
Cpt Gary W. Williams, 28 Jun 1974  
LTC Andrew R. Howie, 27 Aug 1974  
LTC John M. Mage, 18 Jun 1976  
Cpt Richard N. Girard (Interim), 3 Jul 1978  
Maj Gary A. Reddig, 15 Sep 1978  
LTC John M. Haga, 29 Sep 1980  
LTC Donald T. Herbster,  
LTC Michael W. Crosby, 15 Nov 1985  
LTC John D. Weston, 11 Jul 1988

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
1 Jan-31 Dec 1977  
1 Jan-31 Dec 1981  
1 Jan-31 Dec 1986  
1 Jan 1991-31 Dec 1992  
1 Jan-31 Dec 2000

## **EMBLEM**



650<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron emblem: The mailed fist with lightning bolts depicts the communications links providing the Air Force Flight Test Center Commander control of the test effort. The tan background and Joshua tree depict the dry lake bed and desert surroundings of the center, while the blue sky depicts the aerospace test environment. The North Star (Polaris) is symbolic of the air traffic control and navigational services provided. The aerospace vehicle is symbolic of the test mission of the Air Force Flight Test Center.

95<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron emblem On a disc Azure, a hawk descending volant to sinister Sable, in its wake three flight trails arcing to dexter and terminating behind a terrestrial globe in sinister chief, all within a diminished border of the first. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "95TH COMM SQUADRON" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "IT CAN BE DONE" in Blue letters. 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 hawk represents the Squadron. The jet streams signify the unit's ability to provide communications requirements world-wide for land, air or space. (Approved, 23 Oct 1997)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Consequently, after the Air Force activated the Space Command in September 1982, AFCC created a Space Communications Division on 1 January 1983 to provide the new command dedicated support. This division quickly became involved in all levels of planning for the communications necessary to support the work of the Air Force's newly created Space Command. AFCC's involvement was not limited solely to the planning and writing of operational concepts, but also included connectivity and base communications support to strategic, tactical, and shuttle systems. From wartime preparedness to peacetime telecommunications, AFCC provided the

communications support necessary to use equipment operating in space.

During reentry, the shuttle's friction with the outer atmosphere blocked all radio and radar transmissions. After this blackout, part of AFCC's responsibility was to assist the crew in locating Edwards AFB quickly and correcting any inertial guidance system errors. This would assure a successful landing by providing the space shuttle a reliable navigational aid to update the onboard computer guidance system during the critical reentry phase. The control system would then guide the spacecraft through the critical last 15 minutes prior to touchdown. Personnel from AFCC's 2179th Communications Group, 1925th Communications Squadron, 1877th Communications Squadron, and the 3d Combat Communications Group furnished this key support at Patrick AFB, Florida; Edwards AFB, California; and Northrup Strip\*, an alternate landing site on the White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. Aircrews and ground technicians from the 1866th Facility Checking Squadron at Scott AFB, Illinois, verified critical mobile tactical air navigation (TACAN) equipment parameters at all three locations.

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#### Sources

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Major Command history. *A Salute to Air Force Communications Command Leaders and Lineage*. Office of Air Force Communications Command History. Scott AFB, IL. 1 Oct 1990.