

AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION CENTER



MISSION

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1815 Test and Evaluation Squadron

Redesignated Air Force Communications Command Operational Test and Evaluation Center

STATIONS

Scott AFB, IL, 30 Sep 1977-1 Jun 1981

Wright Patterson AFB, OH, 1 Jun 1981-29 Mar 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Continental Communications Division headquartered at Griffiss AFB, New York, and a new Engineering Installation Center with its headquarters at Oklahoma City AFS, Oklahoma. At the same time, the ground communications-electronics installation equipment, or scheme warehouse, and the scheme management functions were consolidated at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, while the 1815th Test Squadron moved from Scott AFB, Illinois, to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The 1931st Communications Group in Alaska was realigned from Headquarters AFCC to the Continental Communications Division. As part of the reorganization, the Strategic Communications Area, the Tactical Communications Area, the European Communications Area, and the Pacific Communications Area were all redesignated divisions to conform to the new structure better suited to meet the envisioned needs, advanced technology, and complexity of the eighties.

The paramount objective was to improve the readiness of combat forces by providing more responsive support to the Military Airlift Command. Prior to this reorganization, the Military Airlift Command was the only unified/specified command with operational forces which were not supported by a dedicated communications area. Recent international crises to which the Military Airlift Command had responded, along with the worldwide scope of its mission, dictated the need for improved communications support. The establishment of an Airlift Communications Division with its headquarters at Scott AFB, Illinois, satisfied this need. Its formation, moreover, logically led to other AFCC reorganization initiatives. The Northern and Southern Communications Areas were inactivated, and their units were divided according to mission between the Airlift Communications Division, a new Continental Communications Division headquartered at Griffiss AFB, New York, and a new Engineering Installation Center with its headquarters at Oklahoma City AFS, Oklahoma. At the same time, the ground communications-electronics installation equipment, or scheme warehouse, and the scheme management functions were consolidated at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, while the 1815th Test Squadron moved from Scott AFB, Illinois, to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The 1931st Communications Group in Alaska was realigned from Headquarters AFCC to the Continental Communications Division. As part of the reorganization, the Strategic Communications Area, the Tactical Communications Area, the European Communications Area, and the Pacific Communications Area were all redesignated divisions to conform to the new structure better suited to meet the envisioned needs, advanced technology, and complexity of the eighties.

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