

## 628 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 628th Communications Squadron provides a broad range of communication services to the Joint Base Charleston workforce. In doing so it services more than 22,000 active-duty, reserve, government civilian and contractor personnel from the 315th and 437th Airlift Wings, the 628th Air Base Wing, various Navy and Army Commands, and 53 tenant units that span Joint Base Charleston's geographically separated Air Base and Weapons Station.

The 628th Communication Squadron plans, installs, operates and maintains the full spectrum of joint communications systems and knowledge management services decisive to the successful mission execution of Joint Base Charleston and its tenant units. Specific services include computer and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) data network connectivity, visual teleconferencing (VTC), fixed and mobile voice, public address and emergency mass notification, airfield meteorological and navigational (METNAV) aids and ground-to-air communications, computer security (COMSEC) management, records management, and official mail and postal services.

The Squadron consists of approximately 125 Airmen, Sailors, Civilians and Contractors. The vast majority of that end-strength resides in the Cyber Operations Flight (SCO) focused on mission execution, and with the exception of the command section, the remainder of the unit resides in the Plans and Resources Flight (SCX) focused on future plans and programs.

The goal of the 628th Communications Squadron is to establish the DoD gold-standard for base-level communications and knowledge management excellence while simultaneously maintaining the highest level of readiness to deploy and exceed the needs of Combatant Commanders worldwide.

### LINEAGE

628 Communications Squadron activated, 8 Jan 2010

## **STATIONS**

Joint Base Charleston, SC, 8 Jan 2010

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

628 Mission Support Group, 8 Jan 2010

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Gino Sarcomo, Jan 2010 - Jul 2010

Maj David Joerres, Jul 2010

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jul 2009 - 30 Jun 2010

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 2010-30 Sep 2012

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc per bend sinister Gules and Azure, a gauntlet Argent fimbriated Sable, grasping a lightning bolt bend sinisterwise Or, fimbriated of the third, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "DOMINANCE THROUGH CYBERSPACE" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "628TH COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON" in Black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** 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 upper half of the background denotes the vigor, power and tenacity of the unit. The lower half of the background signifies the knowledge, leadership and courage of the Squadron's personnel. The lightning bolt symbolizes the Squadron's operational domain—cyberspace. The gauntlet wielding the lightning bolt both pays tribute to the unit's communication heritage and represents the Squadron's ability to gain and maintain cyberspace superiority. (Approved, 20 Apr 2011)

## **MOTTO**

Dominance Through Cyberspace

## **NICKNAME**

## OPERATIONS

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Air Force Order of Battle

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