

# 854 COMBAT OPERATIONS SQUADRON



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

1854 Command, Control, and Intelligence Support Squadron designated and activated, on 1 Aug 1984  
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1994  
Redesignated 854 Combat Operations Squadron, 10 Mar 2014  
Activated, 1 Apr 2014

## STATIONS

Hickam AFB, HI, 1 Aug 1984-1 Jul 1994  
Joint Base San Antonio, Lackland, TX, 1 Apr 2014

## ASSIGNMENTS

Pacific Communications (later, Pacific Information Systems, Pacific Communications) Division, 1 Aug 1984  
Pacific Air Forces, 1 Jul 1992-1 Jul 1994  
960 Cyberspace Operations Group, 1 Apr 2014

## COMMANDERS

Col Mark A. Melcher

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1989

### EMBLEM



1854 Command Control And Intelligence Support Squadron emblem: On a disc divided vertically in the form of a reverse S, with blue on the right and red on the left, four yellow lightning flashes between a satellite at top, a computer terminal in base, a top view of a stylized aircraft to left, and a side view of a stylized aircraft to right, all yellow; all within a narrow yellow border. Attached below the disc a blue scroll with a yellow border. **SIGNIFICANCE:** 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 lightning bolts and satellite represent communications. The aircraft refers to the combat and reconnaissance support missions. The computer terminal emphasizes the technical aspects of the mission. The yin/yang background design symbolizes the Squadron's support of units in Korea and the entire Western Pacific.

854 Combat Operations Squadron emblem: On a disc Gules, issuant from Dexter base a demisphere Azure, superimposed by a stylized lightning bolt encircling the circumference of the disc from sinister base to sinister chief, extending bend-sinisterwise, terminating at a flight symbol Or to sphere, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "854TH COMBAT OPERATIONS SQ" in Yellow letters. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "CYBERSPACE DOMINANCE" in Yellow 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 red horizon represents the courage and valor of the Squadron's citizen airmen who have volunteered to defend the nation. The unit commands and controls cyberspace mission forces and weapon systems in support of combatant command and Air Force missions. The stylized lightning bolt is shaped as the lethal tail of a scorpion, the mascot of the 854 COS active duty TFI unit, the 624th Operations Center. The bolt symbolizes the precise delivery of decisive effects in the global information grid, giving the nation superiority over adversaries in the cyber domain. The Squadron engages and defeats global cyber adversaries in support of combatant command and Air Force missions. The sphere alludes to the earth and the global nature of cyberspace operations. It further signifies the ability of the unit to reach anywhere, anytime, throughout the cyberspace domain in defense of the nation. The motto, "Cyberspace Dominance," is derived from the unit's vision: Citizen Airmen Leading Cyberspace Dominance. (Approved, 22 Apr 2015)

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Air Force Reserve Command inactivated the 960th Cyberspace Operations Group, Det. 1 and re-designated it the 854th Combat Operations Squadron during a recent ceremony at JBSA-Lackland, Texas. The squadron, now the only cyberspace operations center, has been tasked with integrating citizen airmen into the Active Duty's 624th Operations Center cyberspace command and control mission. The 'Scorpions' join an elite group of nearly 800 Reservists working in cyberspace operations, states the April 5 release. "The unique part of our unit is that we've been fully integrated with the Active Duty mission since day one," said Lt. Col. Samuel McGlynn, 854th COS director of operations. 2014

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