

1 SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

The 1 Special Operations Communications Squadron provides a full spectrum of communications, computers and multimedia support to Hurlburt Field special operations warriors, at home or deployed anywhere in the world.

The unit plans for, acquires, operates and maintains base and deployed communications systems, including: critical command and control systems; Local Area Networks; air-to-ground radios; base telephone systems; base message center; network control center; ground-base aircraft navigational aids; tactical and fixed communications equipment; land mobile radios, and base pager equipment.

The 1 SOCS is responsible for the Base Information Transfer Systems, Postal Service Center, Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act support. The base multimedia center provides global combat documentation support specializing in digital still and video imagery, graphics design and weapons system video. In-garrison support also includes self-help equipment, studio portraits and local video productions.

LINEAGE

1715 Signal Service Battalion (Aviation) constituted, 3 Feb 1945

Activated, 1 Mar 1945

Redesignated 1 Communications Squadron, Air Force, 30 Jun 1946

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1959

Disbanded, 15 Jun 1983

Reconstituted and redesignated 1 Special Operations Communications Squadron, 23 Aug

1991

Activated, 18 Oct 1991

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993

Activated, 16 Nov 2006

STATIONS

San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, 1 March 1945

Clark Field, Luzon, Philippine Islands, 12 March 1945

Okinawa, 24 June 1945

Irumagawa, Japan, 20 September 1945

Tokyo, Japan, 7 January 1946

Nagoya (later, Nagoya AB Nagoya AS; Moriyama AS, Nagoya), Japan, 20 May 1946

Fuchu AS, Japan, 1 July 1957-1 Jul 1959

Eglin Aux Air Fld #9 (Hurlburt Field), FL, 18 Oct 1991-1 Oct 1993

Eglin Aux Air Fld #9 (Hurlburt Field), FL, 16 Nov 2006

ASSIGNMENTS

Fifth Air Force, 1 March 1945

314 Air Division, 1 December 1950

Japanese Air Defense Force, 1 March 1952

Fifth Air Force, 1 September 1954 - 1 July 1959

1 Special Operations Wing, 18 Oct 1991

1 Special Operations Group, 22 Sep 1992

1 Special Operations Support Group, 24 Mar-1 Oct 1993

1 Special Operations Mission Support Group, 16 Nov 2006

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Korean Service

Campaign Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Luzon 1944-1945

Ryukyus 1945

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor

[16 Nov 2006]-30 Jun 2007

Meritorious Unit Awards
1 Jul 2007- 30 Jun 2009
1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2011
1 Oct 2011 – 30 Sep 2013
1 Oct 2013 – 30 Sep 2015

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
16 Apr 1992-[1 Oct 1993]

EMBLEM





On a disc per cross Gules and Sable, a fesswise chain of five links between four saltirewise lightning bolts Or, overall a palewise dagger Argent (Silver Gray); all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “SCIENTIA CELERITAS VALENS” in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “1 SOCS” 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 four quarters represent the four corners of the globe and emphasize the importance of worldwide communication. The lightning bolts represent speed and accuracy which are necessary for the success of the mission of providing communication. The chain embodies security and strength. The dagger represents Special Operations Forces and ties the unit to 1 SOW and AFSOC.

MOTTO

SCIENTIA CELERITAS VALENS-Science Swiftmess Strength

OPERATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE UNIT HISTORIES

Created: 19 Nov 2010

Updated: 12 Oct 2023

Sources

Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, VA

Air Force News. Air Force Public Affairs Agency.

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