

1903 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

185 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated, 14 May 1948
Organized, 1 Jun 1948
Redesignated 1903 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron, 1 Oct 1948
Redesignated 1903 Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961
Redesignated 1903 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1984
Redesignated 1903 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986
Inactivated

STATIONS

Williams AFB, AZ, 1 Jun 1948-5 Jan 1951
Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 5 Jan 1951

ASSIGNMENTS

51 AACS Group (later, 1801 AACS Group; Western AACS Region; Western Communications Region
Southern Communications Area, 1 May 1970
Reassigned to Tactical Communications Area (later, Tactical Communications Division; Tactical Information Systems Division; Tactical Communications Division), 30 Sep 1976

COMMANDERS

Maj Lino D. Simonetti, #1949
Capt Herbert W. Graham, 1950
Capt Robert C. Cross, 1952
Capt Roy Anderson, 1955

Capt Warren W. Luce, 19 Feb 1955
Capt Francis J. Schewing (Interim), 7 Jul 1955
Maj Claude W. Shelverton
Capt Fred E. Sayre, 15 Jan 1962
Capt Robert E. Neubauer, 4 Dec 1963
Capt William F. Gish, 1966
Lt Col Robert F. Koch, 16 Nov 1967
Maj L. E. Brown, 1 Dec 1969
Maj Raymond P. Massie, Jr., Oct 1973
Maj Robert L. Riney, Jul 1974
2Lt Charles R. Robertson, 2 Aug 1975
Capt David G. Woodward, 1 Jul 1976
Maj Michael J. Hvozdovic, 9 Jun 1978
Maj David N. Barstow, 15 May 1981
Maj George G. Mills, 15 Jun 1984
Maj Gary W. Merrell, 5 Aug 1985
Maj Linda M. Quintero, 21 Oct 1987
Maj Paul J. Capasso, 9 Jul 1990

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 1972-31 Dec 1972
1 Jan 1973-31 Dec 1973
1 Jan 1975-31 Dec 1975

EMBLEM



The "Kachina" is a revered symbol, held in high regard by the Puebloid folk of the arid Southwestern United States. The "Sun Kachina" represents the state of Arizona, known for its abundance of sunshine-filled days. The North Star symbolizes navigation and flight control as it does in the command patch. The electronic flashes represent the forms of aerospace communications which are used to "Provide the Reins of Command." The squadron supports three major commands on Davis-Monthan AFB: TAG represented by the three delta wing oar figures in the center face of the sun, symbolizing the offensive/defensive nature of the Tactical Air Command system, SAC represented by the symbol in the center chest indicating aerospace missile control; and AFLC MASDC) represented by the rotary wheel within the sun's face.

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OPERATIONS

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