

1925 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

1925 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated and organized, 8 Dec 1956
Redesignated 1925 Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961
Redesignated 1925 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jan 1986
Redesignated 1925 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

STATIONS

Edwards AFB, California

ASSIGNMENTS

1801 Airways and Air Communications Service Group (later, Western Airways and Air Communications Service Region; Western Communications Region),
Southern Communications Area (established), 1 May 1970
Continental Communications Division, 1 Jun 1981
Research and Acquisition Information Systems Division (later, Communications Division), 1 Jan 1986

COMMANDERS

Maj Julian M. Lacalle, Jr., 1 Jan 1962
Lt Col Vernon C. King, 3 Jul 1962
Maj Kenneth A. Taylor, 9 Nov 1963
Lt Col William A. Trotter, 8 May 1967
Lt Col Raymond J. Curtis, 1 Jan 1971

Capt Gary W. Williams, 28 Jun 1974
Lt Col Andrew R. Howie, 27 Aug 1974
Lt Col John M. Mage, 18 Jun 1976
Capt Richard N. Girard (Interim), 3 Jul 1978
Maj Gary A. Reddig, 15 Sep 1978
Lt Col John M. Haga, 29 Sep 1980
Lt Col Donald T. Herbster,
Lt Col Michael W. Crosby, 15 Nov 1985
Lt Col John D. Weston, 11 Jul 1988

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 1977-31 Dec 1977
1 Jan 1981-31 Dec 1981

EMBLEM

The mailed fist with lightning bolts depicts the communications links providing the Air Force Flight Test Center Commander control of the test effort. The tan background and Joshua tree depict the dry lake bed and desert surroundings of the center, while the blue sky depicts the aerospace test environment. The North Star (Polaris) is symbolic of the air traffic control and navigational services provided. The aerospace vehicle is symbolic of the test mission of the Air Force Flight Test Center.

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OPERATIONS

The 1925 COMS supported NASA's Space Shuttle program. During reentry, the shuttle's friction with the outer atmosphere blocked all radio and radar transmissions. After this blackout, part of AFCC's responsibility was to assist the crew in locating Edwards AFB quickly and correcting any inertial guidance system errors. This would assure a successful landing by providing the space shuttle a reliable navigational aid to update the onboard computer guidance system during the critical reentry phase. The control system would then guide the spacecraft through the critical last 15 minutes prior to touchdown. Personnel from AFCC's 2179th Communications Group, 1925th Communications Squadron, 1877th Communications Squadron, and the 3d Combat Communications Group furnished this key support at Patrick AFB, Florida; Edwards AFB,

California; and Northrup Strip*, an alternate landing site on the White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

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Sources

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