

## 35 COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

35 Combat Communications Squadron provides theater-deployable communications during wartime and contingency operations or humanitarian missions in austere locations.

### LINEAGE

35 Communications Squadron, Command constituted, 16 Jun 1948

Activated, 16 Jul 1948

Redesignated 35 Communications Squadron, Air Force, 8 Nov 1954

Discontinued, and inactivated, 1 Sep 1960

Disbanded, 15 Jun 1983

Reconstituted and redesignated 35 Combat Communications Squadron, 27 Aug 2001

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 2001

### STATIONS

Hamilton AFB, CA, 16 Jul 1948-1 Sep 1960

Tinker AFB, OK, 1 Oct 2001

### ASSIGNMENTS

Fourth Air Force, 16 Jul 1948

Continental Air Command, 1 Dec 1948-1 Sep 1960

507 Support Group, 1 Oct 2001

960 Cyberspace Operations Group

### COMMANDERS

Lt Col Pete Peterson, 2009

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

## EMBLEM



35 Communications Squadron, Command Emblem: On a shield argent, bordered vert, above the shield in chief a scroll of the last, thereon two flashes or; on a log proper; with two hands vert, habited gules, holding drumsticks proper, raised above the log, and between a flash design of four flashes, or, fimbriated gules, all resting on a mound in bass proper. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The hollow log and drumsticks, an ancient system of native communication, are symbolic of the mission of the 35th Communications Squadron. The lightning flash design is emblematic of the modern day methods of speed and efficiency in successfully accomplishing the mission of this organization. (Approved, 4 Jun 1952)



## **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. - More than 50 members of the 35th Combat Communications Squadron represented the 507th Air Refueling Wing and Air Force Reserve Command during the Total Force Combat Communications Exercise 2011 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, July. TFCOMEX 11 brought together combat communication units from the Air Force's active duty 1st CBCS, the Air National Guard (236th CBCS, from Hammond, La.), and Air Force Reserve (35 CBCS) components for a seldom-exercised Hub-Spoke satellite-linked configuration.

The technical feasibility of doing a Hub-Spoke mission using the Air Force's new Everything over Internet Protocol standard had only recently been proven by the 3rd Combat Communications Group (also located at Tinker) in March, and this was the first opportunity to integrate all three Air Force components together, training as they would fight a Total Force using the same communications standard. "I am proud of how each and every one our Airmen performed," said Maj. Monte Buchanan, commander of the 35th CBCS. "Our Airmen continually impress me; they maintained then positive attitudes and high morale from mission start to the end. "We did what we came to do, and that was to train.

Not only were we able to train our Airmen and prepare them to do their real-world jobs, but we were also able to provide training to die DoD STEP site," added Buchanan. "The mission was a resounding success." The exercise's scenario called for limited bandwidth across DoD's network entry points, requiring AF Forces Command HQ (supported by 35 CBCS) to act as a hub for two geographically-separated spoke sites (I CBCS and 236 CBCS), providing die spokes with non-secure computer networking and Defense Switched (telephone) Network by satellite, while also extending the same services to another site using wireless Radio Frequency equipment. The 35th's achievements went beyond simply proving then- equipment's technical capabilities.

With only eight percent of the unit being full time reservists, the 35th CBCS's traditional reservists were the driving force during the five-month mission planning sessions, engineering the network architecture for each squadron participating in the exercise During die operations period, all but three of the team were TRs, highlighting once again the effectiveness of a professional Reserve component. Proving the unit's capability to rapidly deploy and redeploy 36

passengers and 42 short tons on 16 pallets into and out of a distinctly unique theater of operations.

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