

49 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

The 49 Communications Squadron provides combat-ready communications-computer services for the 49 Fighter Wing to ensure it is ready to perform its worldwide war-fighting mission.

Squadron personnel maintain airfield radar and radio systems, navigational aids, meteorological radars and sensors, network infrastructure, small computer systems, and cryptographic equipment including secure telephones, and land mobile radios. The squadron also manages and operates the base information transfer center, telephone switchboard and systems, blackberries, radio frequencies, and base communications security program. Some unique functions include worldwide maintenance of the Solar Optical Observing Network and maintenance of the specialized command, control communications, computer and intelligence equipment supporting F-22A operations.

LINEAGE

49 Communications Squadron, Fighter, Jet constituted, 10 Aug 1948

Activated, 18 Aug 1948

Redesignated 49 Communications Squadron, 1 Feb 1950

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jul 1962

1877 Communications Squadron designated, and organized, 1 Nov 1965

Redesignated 1877 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1984

Redesignated 1877 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

49 Communications Squadron and 1877 Communications Squadron consolidated, 1 Nov 1991

Redesignated 49 Communications Squadron, 15 Nov 1991

STATIONS

Misawa AB, Japan, 18 Aug 1948
Taegu AB, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950
Tsuiki Aux AB, Japan, 25 Jan 1951
Taegu AB, South Korea, 24 Feb 1951
Misawa AB, Japan, 1 Apr 1953-10 Dec 1957
Etain/Rouvres (later, Etain) AB, France, 10 Dec 1957
Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 25 Aug 1959-1 Jul 1962
Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 1 Nov 1965-1 Dec 1971
Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Dec 1971

ASSIGNMENTS

49 Air Base Group, 18 Aug 1948-1 Jul 1962
1964th Communications Group, 1 Nov 1965
Tactical Communications Area (later, Tactical Communications Division; Tactical Information Systems Division; Tactical Communications Division), 1 Dec 1971
833rd Air Division, 1 Oct 1990
49 Support (later, 49 Mission Support) Group, 15 Nov 1991

ATTACHMENTS

6016 Air Base Wing, 1 Apr-18 Nov 1953

COMMANDERS

Capt Robert E. Shaw, 1 Nov 1965
CWO Billy E. Cannon, 20 Dec 1965
Capt Clarence H. Jachen, 3 Feb 1966
Maj William S. Garner, 15 Aug 1966
Maj Kenneth M. Knox, 26 Jul 1967
Lt Col Loren F. Driver, 17 Aug 1968
Maj William J. Todd, 12 Jan 1969
Maj Robert K. Kinnebrew, 15 Dec 1969
Capt John T. York (Interim), 9 Dec 1970
Maj Wylie Moore, Jr., 20 Dec 1970
Maj Ronald L. Albrecht, 1 Jul 1971
Capt Gene A. Jordan, 28 Jan 1973
Maj Douglas L. Hafermann, 26 Jul 1973
Maj Arthur F. Evans, 27 Sep 1974
Capt Carl R. Hendrickson (Interim), 17 Jun 1977
Lt Col Richard L. Bragg, 21 Jul 1977
Maj Carl R. Hendrickson, 29 Dec 1979
Maj Victor R. McMillen, 4 Feb 1980

Maj Michael L. Faust, 23 Jun 1983
Lt Col Lynne R. Hamrick, 20 Jun 1985
Maj William P. Welch, 14 Apr 1987
Maj Glenn J. Saltamachia, 16 Aug 1989

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Korea

CCF Intervention

First UN Counteroffensive

CCF Spring Offensive

UN Summer-Fall Offensive, 1951

Second Korean Winter

Korea, Summer-Fall, 1952

Third Korean Winter

Vietnam

Vietnam Defensive

Vietnam Air

Vietnam Air Offensive

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II

Vietnam Air/Ground

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV

TET 69/Counteroffensive

Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969

Vietnam Winter/Spring, 1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive

Southwest Monsoon

Commando Hunt V

Commando Hunt VI

Commando Hunt VII

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations

8 Jun 1966-16 Apr 1967

6 Mar 1968-31 Jul 1969

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device
[1 Nov] 1965-30 Jun 1966

1 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1967
1 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1968
1 Jul 1968-30 Jun 1969
1 Jul 1969-30 Jun 1970
1 Jul 1970-30 Jun 1971
1 Jul-30 Nov 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1958-15 Mar 1959
1 Jan 1974-31 Dec 1975
1 Jan 1980-31 Dec 1981
1 Jun 1995-31 May 1997
1 Jun 1997-31 May 1998
1 Jun 1998-31 May 1999
2 May 2004-31 May 2005

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations

27 Jun 1950-7 Feb 1951
8 Feb 1951-31 Mar 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm

25 Nov 1965-19 Mar 1969
1 Apr 1966-1 Dec 1971

EMBLEM



Blue represents for the Air Force's theater of operation, the sky. The white band with the arching lightning flashes symbolizes the unit's mission to provide communications, navigational aids, air traffic control and maintenance services in support of air operations. The red horizontal band is a design motif of American Indians indigenous to the area of the unit's home base. The yellow lightning flash alludes to the unit's ability in providing communications for that base. (Approved, 29 Sep 1981)

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