

52 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

52 Communications Squadron, Fighter, All Weather constituted, 10 May 1948

Activated, 9 Jun 1948

Redesignated 52 Communications Squadron, 20 Jan 1950

Inactivated, 6 Feb 1952

1237 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated and organized, 1 Nov 1954

Redesignated 2137 Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961

Redesignated 2137 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Oct 1984

Redesignated 2137 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

52 Communications Squadron and 2137 Communications Squadron consolidated, 1 May 1991

Consolidated unit designated 52 Communications Squadron.

STATIONS

Mitchel AFB, NY, 9 Jun 1948

McGuire AFB, NJ, 4 Oct 1949-6 Feb 1952

Spangdahlem AB, Germany, 1 Nov 1954

ASSIGNMENTS

52 Air Base Group, 9 Jun 1948-6 Feb 1952

1820 AACS Group (later, Central European AACS Region; Central European Communications Region), 1 Nov 1954

European Communications Area (later, European Communications Division), 30 Jun 1972

2005 Communications (later, 2005 Information Systems Group)

2005 Information Systems Wing
2005 Communications Wing), 1 Apr 1983
52 Tactical Fighter (later, 52 Fighter) Wing, 1 Oct 1990
52 Support (later, 52 Mission Support) Group, 31 Mar 1992

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Wilbur L. Hall, Jr., 1964
Lt Col Warren G. Haugen, 16 Jun 1965
Maj Howard P. Cooper, 1 Aug 1966
Maj Brinson N. Leaptrot, 16 Aug 1966
Maj Lynn S. Grove, 1969
Maj Henry J. Cochran, 3 Jul 1972
Maj Richard G. Darenberg, 1973
Maj Stephen C. Budesheim, 1976
Lt Col Roger G. Bacchiere,
Maj D. C. Alexander
Lt Col Franklin A. Rudolph, 25 Jun 1985
Lt Col John W. Meincke, 26 Jun 1988

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Mar 1964-28 Feb 1966
1 Mar 1966-30 Jun 1967
1 Jul 1976-31 Dec 1977
1 Jan-31 Dec 1978
1 Jul 1991-30 Jun 1993
1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995
1 Aug 1995-31 Jul 1997
1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999
24 Mar-10 Jun 1999
1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001
1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003
1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2005
1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2010

EMBLEM



The top right segment represents day and the bottom segment is night. The microwave tower with electronic flashes represents the many forms of communications provided the host base. The tower and electronic flashes extend into the night and day segments to show 24-hour operations. The top left segment is a simulated radar screen with five targets symbolizing the unit's air traffic control mission for the five bases under its control. The central star symbolizes NATO and indicates that it touches all phases of the unit mission.



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