

65 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

140 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated, 14 May 1948
Organized, 1 Jun 1948
Redesignated 1936 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron, 1 Oct 1948
Redesignated 1936 Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961
Redesignated 1936 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Dec 1984
Redesignated 1936 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986
Redesignated 1605 Communications Squadron, 30 Apr 1991
Redesignated 65 Communications Group, 27 Jan 1992
Redesignated 65 Communications Squadron, 5 Sep 1997

STATIONS

Lagens (later, Lages; Lajes) Field, Azores, 1 Jun 1948

ASSIGNMENTS

66 Airways and Air Communications Service (AACS) (later, 1805 AACS) Group, 1 Jun 1948
1815 AACS Group, 24 Nov 1951
1807 AACS Wing, 1 Jul 1953
1815 AACS Group, 1 Nov 1954
1807 AACS Wing (later, European-African-Middle East AACS Area), 18 Apr 1957
North Atlantic AACS (later, North Atlantic Communications) Region, 1 Apr 1960
Eastern Communications Region, 1 Jul 1963

Northern Communications Area, 1 May 1970

Airlift Communications (later, Airlift Information Systems; Airlift Communications) Division, 1 Jun 1981

1605 Military Airlift Support (later, 65 Support; 65 Air Base) Wing, 1 Oct 1990

65 Support (later, 65 Mission Support) Group, 5 Sep 1997

COMMANDERS

Capt Ted H. Tanner Oct 1948

Capt Hebert W. Stagg 1 Nov 1948

Lt Col Sidney Nutt, Jr. 7 May 1949

Capt Edwin D. Ziegler, 1951

Maj Pierce B. Michael, 1952

Maj Donald R. Thompson, 1954

Maj Richard H. Sams, Jr. 11 Jul 1960- Dec 1961

Lt Col Walter A. Cowan, Dec 1962- Dec 1963

Lt Col Wallace E. Smith, 1967

Lt Col Robert L. Cloer, 29 Jun 1968

Lt Col James F. Sikes, 16 Aug 1968

Lt Col Jerrell W. Brooks, 1969

Maj Warren C. Jennings, 1973

Lt Col Joseph E. Cooney, 1973

Lt Col William R. Taylor, 1 Oct 1976

Capt Michael F. Choffel (Interim), 1977

Lt Col William G. Chavanne, 8 Sep 1980- Jun 1982

Lt Col Eugene E. Lund, 11 Jun 1982

Lt Col Alfred R. Garcia, Jr., 26 Jul 1984

Lt Col Gilbert R. Hawk, 1 Jul 1986

Lt Col Charles O. Pitts, 23 Jun 1988

Lt Col Gregory Williams

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1-13 Jan 1980

1 Jan-31 Dec 1987

1 Jun 1988-31 May 1990

7 Aug 1990 - 31 Mar 1991

15 Jan 1991-15 Jan 1993

16 Jan 1993-31 Mar 1994
1 Apr 1994-1 May 1995
1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999
1 Jun 1999-31 May 2001
1 Jun 2001-31 May 2003

EMBLEM

The background of the shield is the emblematic of sky and space where aerospace forces operate. The ultramarine blue represents the night sky, the light blue the day sky; together they represent the around-the-clock mission of the 1936th Communications Squadron. Four stars representing our four main customers, the USAF, USN, USA, and the Portuguese Air Force, stresses navigation, an integral part of command and control of aerospace forces. The Azorean milhafre shows our ties as an Air Force Communications unit to the area of operations in which we provide modern command, control, and communications. The proud and mighty milhafre indicates the mission and accomplishments of our unit. The electronic flashes clutched in the milhafre's talon symbolize all of aerospace communications which are used to provide the Voice of the Mid-Atlantic. (Approved, 15 Oct 2004)

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OPERATIONS

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Unit yearbook. *Lajes AB, Azores, 1984*. Walsworth Publishing Co. Marceline, MO. 1984.