

502nd COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

1973rd Communications Squadron designated and organized, 1 Nov 1965
Redesignated 1973rd Information Systems Group, 1 Apr 1985
Redesignated 1973rd Communications Group, 1 Nov 1986
Redesignated 502nd Communications Squadron, 1 Oct 1992
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1994
Activated, 30 Apr 2010

STATIONS

Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, 1 Nov 1965
Maxwell AFB, AL, 1 May 1972-1 Oct 1994
Fort Sam Houston, TX, 30 Apr 2010

ASSIGNMENTS

1974th Communications Group, 1 Nov 1965
Southern Communications Area, 1 May 1972
Continental Communications Division, 1 Jun 1981
Air Force Communications Command, 1 Apr 1985
Air University, 1 Oct 1990
502nd Support Group, 1 Oct 1992-1 Oct 1994
502nd Mission Support Group, 30 Apr 2010

COMMANDERS

Maj John L. DePriest, 1965
LTC Robert L. Worrall, 17 Jun 1967
LTC Bernard L. Murphy, 16 Nov 1967

LTC William H. Henderson, 2 May 1968
Maj Leonard L. Pfeffer, 22 Jan 1969
LTC Kenneth W. A. Bevan, 28 Feb 1969
LTC Raoul Bugg, 6 Feb 1970
LTC Fred E. Brehm, 23 Feb 1971
Maj Leo J. Sheehy,
Maj James D. Norris, 15 Feb 1973
Maj Donald P. Coleman, 1 Jul 1974
Cpt Earl Kingsford (Interim), 17 May 1975
Maj James G. Truman, 23 Jun 1975
Cpt Earl Kingsford (Interim), 24 Dec 1975
Maj James T. Baker (Interim), 2 Feb 1976
LTC Theodore J. Burkett, 28 Jun 1976
Maj Thomas J. Baker (Interim), 21 Apr 1978
LTC Ralph H. Rohrer, Jr., 30 Jun 1978
Maj Thomas P. Foss, 1 Jul 1983
LTC James F. Henkelmann, 1 Apr 1985
LTC Keith S. Brown, 7 Mar 1986
LTC Michael L. Faust, 3 Jun 1988
Mr. Robert W. Moore (Dir), 10 Oct 2010
LTC Glenn D. Garay, 3 Dec 13
LTC Timothy F. Kneeland, 25 Jun 14

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam Defense
Vietnam Air
Vietnam Air Offensive
VN Air Off, Phase II
VN Air Off, Phase III
Vietnam Air/Ground
VN Air Off, Phase IV
TET 69/Counteroffensive
VN Summer-Fall, 1969
VN Winter-Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Southwest Monsoon
Commando Hunt V
Commando Hunt VI
Commando Hunt VII
Vietnam Ceasefire

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor

1 Nov 1965-30 Jun 1966

1 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1968

1 Jul 1968-30 June 1969

1 Jul 1969-30 Jun 1970

1 Jul 1970-30 Jun 1971

1 July 1971-30 April 1972

RVN GC w/P

1 Apr 1966-1 May 1972

EMBLEM



1973rd Communications Squadron emblem



1973rd Communications Group emblem

1973rd Communications Squadron emblem: the globe represents the world. The ultramarine blue field represents Air Force blue. The armored fist with lightning bolts signifies communications systems mission spanning the globe. The paper scroll with a lantern represents the support of the many educational facilities at Maxwell AFB and Gunter AFB.

502nd Communications Squadron emblem: On a disc Azure, extended from dexter chief a gauntlet Or, emitting and radiating from between its fingers throughout six lightning bolts Gules edged Argent, surmounted by a mullet of the last, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "IUNCTURA NOTITIA DOMINOR" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "502D COMMUNICATIONS SQ" in Blue letters. Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater

of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The gauntlet denotes the power and flexibility of a joint partnership. The lightning bolts symbolize communications through teamwork and unity that result in swift and accurate striking power. The lone star signifies a shining example of service to guide the way.

MOTTO

IUNCTURA NOTITIA DOMINOR--Joint Information Dominance

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, VA.

Major Command history. *A Salute to Air Force Communications Command Leaders and Lineage*. Office of Air Force Communications Command History. Scott AFB, IL. 1 Oct 1990.