

689 NETWORK OPERATIONS SQUADRON



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On a disc Sable, issuant from base a sphere of the first, gridlined and edged Azure, an eagle volant Tenné, head and talons Argent, beaked and clawed Or, detailed and outlined of the first, emitting from claws three lightning bolts of the third, garnished of the fifth; all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "LUX ET VERITAS" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "689TH NETWORK OPERATIONS SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** 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 background and the gridlined sphere allude to the air and space domains in which the cyberspace domain fully integrates across Air Force operations. The three lightning bolts power the Squadron's Air Force cyberspace operations mission to defend, operate and engage across the joint information environment. The gridlined sphere also represents the global nature of cyberspace operations and the diversity the unit embraces as a tribute to the invaluable contributions of the Squadron's heritage, the Tuskegee Airmen of the 689th Signal Aircraft Warning Company. The Squadron's Latin motto, "LUX ET VERITAS," translates to "LIGHT AND TRUTH." (Approved, 20 Aug 2018)

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One of the newest units in the Air Force has a commander after an Assumption of Command ceremony Feb. 12, at Gunter Annex. The 689th Network Operations Squadron is now officially commanded by Maj. Kevin Deibler having the honor bestowed upon him from Col. Anthony Perkins, commander of the 960th Cyberspace Operations Group, 10th Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command, stationed at Joint Base San Antonio-Medina Annex, Texas. The 689th is the reserve associate unit to the 26th Net Ops Squadron, providing mission assurance for Air Force Major Commands and Combatant Commanders through network operations and defensive cyber operations on the Air Force Enterprise Network.

The 689th was reactivated Aug. 12 after being deactivated for more than 70 years. “The 689th Network Ops Squadron has already met all requirements, five months early, to meet Initial Operations Capability, and I know Major Kevin Deibler is the person to command and take this squadron to full mission readiness,” said Perkins. “Deibler’s last assignment was standing up the Headquarters of the 960th [Cyberspace Operations Group] Directorate of Operations and impressive duty at the operational level of war for Air Force Cyber, the 624th Ops Center while assigned to the 854th Combat Operations Squadron.” With the 689th needing a leader after activation, the choice couldn’t have been clearer.

“An officer with exemplary service on active duty and now the reserve component, with a diverse background, Major Deibler is the best choice to lead the 689th NOS,” said Perkins. Now the 689th is looking to fill their ranks with qualified team members. “We provide cyber defense and security for the entire Air Force network as well as the Joint Information Environment,” explained Deibler. “We have a rapidly growing team and are reaching out to our Total Force and community partners to help build our unit from the ground up.” Even though, the unit is now officially up and running, it still has positions to fill.

“We have just achieved Initial Operational Capability thanks to the team effort of our full-time cadre,” said Deibler. “However, we still need a great many more teammates to build our unit, including full time and part time cyber operators.” The 689th Net Ops Squadron is very interested in finding people who want to be on the front lines of what they believe to be the future of warfare in the cyber domain. “We need the best and brightest to fight today’s cyber threats,” said Deibler. “I know great people are out there wanting to do this, we are ready for you to be a part of our team.”

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