

## 2021 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

2021 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated and organized, 1 Nov 1954  
Redesignated 2021 Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961  
Redesignated 2021 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1984  
Redesignated 2021 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

### STATIONS

Tyndall AFB, FL

### ASSIGNMENTS

1803 Airways and Air Communications Service Group (later, Southeastern AACS Region;  
Southeastern Communications Region)  
Eastern Communications Region, 1 Jul 1963  
Southern Communications Area, 1 May 1970  
Tactical Communications Area (later, Tactical Communications Division; Tactical Information  
Systems Division; Tactical Communications Division), 1 Oct 1970

### COMMANDERS

Capt Joseph J. Burkhalter, Nov 1954  
Maj John J. Orr, Oct 1956  
Maj William J. Alsleben, Nov 1956  
Col John T. Ford, 1957  
Lt Col William J. Retzbach, 2 Jun 1958  
Maj William W. Hochstetler, 1963

Lt Col Joe H. Johnson, Jan 1968  
Lt Col James M. Powell, Feb 1968  
Lt Col Roger B. Condit, Jr., 26 Jun 1968  
Maj William S. Anderson, Jun 1969  
Lt Col Robert E. Neubauer, May 1970  
Maj Ronald L. Shillcut, May 1972  
Maj Russell R. Linn, 22 Mar 1973  
Lt Col Wayne A. Moehling, 23 Aug 1975  
Lt Col Richard G. Darenberg, 2 Mar 1978  
Lt Col John W. Spear, 29 Aug 1979  
Maj James T. Leahy, 10 Apr 1981  
Lt Col George P. Lampe, 15 Jun 1984  
Lt Col Norman M. Slocum, 2 Jun 1986  
Col William R. McHargue, 18 Jul 1988  
Lt Col Henry J. Daries, 22 May 1990

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 Jan 1970-31 Dec 1970  
1 Jan 1975-31 Dec 1975  
1 Jan 1976-31 Dec 1976  
1 Jan 1977-31 Dec 1977  
1 Jan 1978-31 Dec 1979  
1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1989

### **EMBLEM**

Blue and 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 emblem symbolizes the dual nature of the 2021<sup>st</sup> Communications Squadron as an Air Force Communications Command unit supporting the Tactical Air Command mission. The radar dish represents all the elements of the Air Force Communications Command. The gauntlet gripping the Tactical Air Command sword emphasizes the supporting role of the unit. The lightning bolts signify the communications functions. The North Star recalls a time when craft had to navigate by Polaris without the benefit of modern communication and navigational devices.

### **MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

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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.