

42 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

The 42 Communications Squadron acquires, manages, operates and maintains classified and unclassified command, control, communications, and information systems to support Air University, 42 Air Base Wing operations, the flying mission of the 908 Airlift Wing, and the tenant units of Maxwell-Gunter AFB. Maintains air traffic control airfield landing systems. Manages official records and base visual information support.

LINEAGE

1292 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated and organized, 15 Jul 1955

Redesignated 2192 Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961

Redesignated 2192 Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1984

Redesignated 2192 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

Redesignated 42 Communications Squadron, 1 Sep 1991

Inactivated, 30 Jun 1994

Activated, 1 Oct 1994

Redesignated 42 Communications Flight, 29 Feb 2008

Redesignated 42 Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 2009

STATIONS

Loring AFB, ME, 15 Jul 1955-30 Jun 1994

Maxwell AFB, AL, 1 Oct 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

2045 Airways and Air Communications Service Group, 15 Jul 1955
1802 Airways and Air Communications Service Group (later Northeastern Airways and Air Communications Service Region), 18 Jul 1956
North Atlantic Airways and Air Communications Service Region (later North Atlantic Communications Region), 21 Apr 1961
Eastern Communications Region, 1 Jul 1963
Northern Communications Area, 1 May 1970
Strategic Communications Area (later Strategic Communications Division; Strategic Information Systems Division; Strategic Communications Division), 1 Jul 1976
42 Bombardment Wing, 1 Oct 1990
42 Support Group, 1 Sep 1991-30 Jun 1994
42 Support (later, 42nd Mission Support) Group, 1 Oct 1994

COMMANDERS

Maj Francis J. Lyden, 18 Jul 1956
Maj George T. Boyd, 30 Aug 1956
Maj Kay W. Kroepsch, Jan 1961
Lt Col Joseph Harkiewicz, Jul 1961-Dec 1963
Maj George T. Bond, Jul 1967
Maj Kenneth D. Strauss, Dec 1968
Lt Col Robert Tefft, Jun 1969
Maj Peter Sapatis, Apr 1970
Maj Ronald L. Cheney, Jul 1971
Capt Nicholas O. Caspar, Jul 1973
Maj John W. Spear, Jun 1975
Maj George E. Dobson, Jul 1976
Lt Col Clarence J. Kelly, 6 Jul 1978
Maj Ken H. Kato, 1 Jul 1981
Lt Col William E. Einspahr, 3 Aug 1983
Lt Col Bruce J. Savaglio, 24 Jun 1985
Lt Col Douglass W. Donnell, 27 Jun 1988
Mr. Anthony Dillard, Director
Lt Col Andrew Gale

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan-31 Dec 1984
1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1988
1 Apr 1992-31 Mar 1994
1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1996
1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2004
1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2006
1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007

EMBLEM



2192 Communications Squadron emblem: The electronic flashes represent all forms of aerospace communications. The chain represents the critical link that communications plays in the command and control of aerospace forces. The control tower emphasizes the distinct but integral part air traffic controls plays in the command and control of aerospace forces. The eagle symbolizes the strength of all unit personnel in providing the critical command and control link. The olive wreath with arrows and the depiction of the globe stresses the capability of the unit to provide command, control, and communications in peacetime as well as in war, anywhere in the world.



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MOTTO

The Critical Link

OPERATIONS

The 2192 Communications Squadron was the most diverse unit on Loring Squadron personnel are located throughout the base and at several off base locations. Manned with more than 240 highly trained people, the unit provides air traffic control services, weather equipment maintenance, airfield and en-route navigation aids maintenance computer support, and radio and ground communications (telephone) services to the 42 Bombardment Wing, 42 Combat Support Group, tenant organizations and to local Guard units, Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) facilities also support airfield flight traffic in Caribou. Presque Isle and nearby New Brunswick, Canada. A vital part of the Air Force Communications Command, the men and woman of the 2192 were involved in the operations and maintenance of every facet of base communications, data automation, and air traffic control in support of the SAC Emergency War Order Mission

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