53 COMPUTER SYSTEMS SQUADRON

MISSION

The 53 Computer Systems Squadron is responsible for sustaining ACC's force development evaluation mission by providing communications and information systems for the wing's four groups. It is also responsible for automating, sustaining, and operating wing communications and information systems activities including unclassified, collateral, and advanced program local area networks. It operates the Combat Air Force Network Operations Center providing classified information services to the CAF worldwide.

The NOC was designated by ACC as the interface between the Air Force Network Operations Center and other Special Access Program Information Technology network management nodes. The squadron provides network capability to fuse data from multiple test facilities into one coherent picture. It develops and maintains the computer systems required to support the development, test and dissemination of EW mission data, to include the Emergency Reprogramming Center and its contingency/wartime activations.

It defines customer communications requirements and implementation plans. The squadron leads configuration management efforts for computer hardware and software usage. It provides advanced programs audiovisual support and operates and maintains a state-of-the-art video-teleconferencing capability. It manages and oversees the 53d Wing's physical security and information assurance programs.

LINEAGE

1 Staff Squadron constituted and activated, 1 Sep 1936
Disbanded, 31 Mar 1944
Reconstituted and redesignated 1 Center Support Squadron, 9 Apr 1993
Activated, 15 Apr 1993
Redesignated 53 Support Squadron, 1 Oct 1995
Redesignated 53 Computer Systems Squadron, 13 Sep 1999

STATIONS
Bolling Field, DC, 1 Sep 1936-31 Mar 1944
Eglin AFB, FL, 15 Apr 1993

ASSIGNMENTS
Office of the Chief of Air Corps, 1 Sep 1936-31 Mar 1944
USAF Air Warfare Center (later 53 Wing), 15 Apr 1993
53 Electronic Warfare Group, 13 Sep 1999
53 Test Management Group, 1 Oct 2002

WEAPON SYSTEMS
AT-6
AT-12
A-17A
B-18
B-23
BC-1
BC-1A
BT-8
BT-9A
BT-9B
C-43
C-43C
C-45
C-61E
C-71
C-78
L-3B
P-40E
PT-19A
UC-45C
Y1BT-10
Y1C-37

COMMANDERS
Maj Samuel C. Eaton, Jr., 1 Sep 1936
Maj Benjamin F. Giffin, 12 Nov 1936
Capt George W. McGregor, 21 Dec 1936
Capt Howard M. Turner, 12 Jun 1938
Maj Max F. Schneider, 11 Jun 1938
Capt Lewis R. Parker, 9 Sep 1938
Capt Robert M. Stillman, 6 Aug 1941-20 May 1942

HONORS
Service Streamers
World War II
American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000
1 Jun 98-31 May 2000
1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
[15 Apr]-31 Dec 1993

EMBLEM
1 Center Support Squadron emblem approved, 26 Oct 1993

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OPERATIONS
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