

86 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

86 Communications Squadron, Fighter, Single Engine constituted and activated, 1 Jul 1948
Redesignated 86 Communications Squadron, 20 Jan 1950
Inactivated, 8 Mar 1958
Activated, 1 Jul 1994
Inactivated, 15 Jan 2004
Activated, 16 Jul 2009

STATIONS

Nuebiberg AB, Germany, 1 Jul 1948
Landstuhl AB, Germany, 4 Sep 1952-8 Mar 1958
Ramstein AB, Germany, 1 Jul 1994-15 Jan 2004
Ramstein AB, Germany, 16 Jul 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

86 Air Base Group, 1 Jul 1948-8 Mar 1958
86 Communications Group, 1 Jul 1994-15 Jan 2004
86 Mission Support Group, 16 Jul 2009

COMMANDERS

Capt Robert Whipple, #1952

Col Steven M. Sweeney, Jul 2009-Jul 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

31 Oct 1955-[8 Mar] 1958

[1]-31 Jul 1994; [1 Aug 1994]-30 Jun 1995

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1997

1 Sep 1997-31 Aug 1999

24 Mar-10 Jun 1999

1 Jan 2000-31 Dec 2001

1 Jan-31 Dec 2002

1 Jan-31 Dec 2003

1 Jul 2009-31 Dec 2010

1 Jan 2014-31 Dec 2015

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, on a pile Or, a sword point to base, Argent hilt Brown banded on the grip Gray, adorned on the pommel with a precious stone White and on the cross piece to dexter Yellow and to sinister Blue, between in base three lightning bolts radiating bendwise and as many radiating bendwise sinister of the second, all within a diminished bordure Sable. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "86TH COMMUNICATIONS SQ" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "SECOND TO NONE" in Black 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 pile symbolizes the aerospace program. The sword suggests the Squadron's warrior spirit. The hilt of the sword holds three precious jewels that embody the unit's strength through diversity. Radiating from the tip of the pile are lightning bolts which represent the Squadron's ability to provide clear, concise and distinct communications in the field. (Approved 16 Nov 1999)

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OPERATIONS

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