

# AIR FORCE COMPUTER ACQUISITION CENTER



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## MISSION

## LINEAGE

Air Force Computer Acquisition Office constituted, 17 Jun 1976  
Redesignated Air Force Computer Acquisition Center, 30 Jun 1978

## STATIONS

Hanscom AFB, MA, 1 Jul 1976

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

Col Robert J. Latina, 1 Jul 1976  
Col Donald C. Olson, 1 Jul 1980  
Col Donald D. Johnston, 1 Jul 1982  
Col Richard L. Ferro, 8 Aug 1986  
Col John W. Davies, 1 Jun 1989

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## Decorations

AFOEA

1 July 19761 - 31 August 1977

### **EMBLEM**

The wings are symbolic of excellence and achievement while the mullet and annulet, simulating an automated data processing reel, represent the command element and its four directorates. The five simulated computers on the fess allude to the five major duties which comprise the organization's mission, and the sphere in base is in recognition of the worldwide scope of the unit's activities.

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

1 July 1976 Activated at Laurence G. Hanscom (later, Hanscom) AFB, Massachusetts, and assigned to Air Force Data Automation Agency.

30 June 1978 Redesignated Air Force Computer Acquisition Center, relieved from assignment to Air Force Data Automation Agency and assigned to Air Force Communications Service (later, Air Force Communications Command)

1 July 1989 Air Force Computer Acquisition Center at Hanscom AFB, Maryland, assigned to Computer Systems Division (CSD)

Three other centers were located on the east coast. The Air Force Computer Acquisition Center, located at Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts, was responsible for providing assistance in the preparation of specifications and the technical guidance necessary for the selection and acquisition of automated data processing systems, or elements thereof, for the Air Force. The Air Force Data Services Center, located in the Pentagon, processed and produced management data, consulting and program analysis, modeling and information systems design, and related programming services for all elements of Headquarters USAF, the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Office of the Secretary of Defense and other assigned federal agencies. The Federal Computer Performance Evaluation and Simulation Center, located in the Washington, D.C. area, was established in 1972 by the General Services Administration to provide computer performance evaluation services to all agencies of the federal government. The Air Force, in recognition of its expertise in the field of data automation, was designated as the operating agency by the General Services Administration. The Center, funded by the General Services Administration, provided, on a fully reimbursable basis, technical assistance, support and services for the federal government of simulation, analysis, and performance evaluation of automatic data processing systems.

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