

# TWENTY-FOURTH AIR FORCE



## LINEAGE

Twenty-Fourth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic) established, 11 Aug 2009

Activated, 18 Aug 2009

Redesignated Twenty-Fourth Air Force (Air Forces Cyber), 7 Dec 2010

## STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX

## ASSIGNMENTS

Air Force Space Command, 18 Aug 2009

## COMMANDERS

MG Richard E. Webber, #2010

MG Suzanne M. Vautrinot, April 2011

Maj. Gen. James McLaughlin commander of 24th Air Force at JBSA-Lackland, Texas 2014

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

None

### Campaign Streamers

None

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

## Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

18 Aug 2009-1 Oct 2010

## EMBLEM

Azure, arabic numeral twenty-four in chief Argent, a globe of the field grid lined of the second, charged with a mullet overall of the second, shadowed Gules, bearing a Torteau, emitting three

flashes one to dexter, one to sinister, and one to base Or; all within a diminished bordure of the last.

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 globe describes the reach of the cyberspace domain. The combination of the star and lightning bolts represents yesterday's history with today's innovation. Sable, in dexter base a demi-globe on its axis Celeste, gridlined Argent, three wavy descending from dexter chief to base terminating behind the globe in sinister Azure, overall a mullet of the third, charged with a torteau, fimbriated Gules, emitting three lightning flashes, one from dexter arm, one from sinister arm, and one from the vortex Or, all within a diminished bordure of the last. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "AIR FORCES CYBER" in Blue letters. (Approved, 25 Nov 2009)

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

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### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

24 AF is the operational warfighting organization that establishes, operates, maintains and defends our networks and exploits and attacks threat networks. It establishes, operates and defends Air Force networks to ensure warfighters can maintain the information advantage as we prosecute military operations. The unit is responsible to conduct the full range of cyber operations. Over 5,400 men and women conduct or support 24-hour operations involving cyberspace operations for 24th AF, including 3,339 military, 2,975 civilian and 1,364 contractor personnel. More than 10,000 ARC personnel came to AFSPC from existing Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units associated with the combat communications mission of the 689th Combat Communications Wing and the Air Force Network Operations mission of the 67th Network Warfare Wing. The 24th Air Force is comprised of three wings located at Lackland AFB, Texas, and Robins AFB, Ga..

Twenty-fourth Air Force, USAF's cyber operations arm at Lackland AFB, TX, on Wednesday added "Air Forces Cyber" to its title. The organization is now: 24th Air Force (Air Forces Cyber). The addition is meant to reflect better the numbered air force's USAF mission and its role as the Air Force element supporting US Cyber Command at Fort, Meade, Md. (CYBERCOM is the lead organization for protecting the Defense Department's networks.) The change also conforms to the Air Force's naming practice that aligns its NAFs with the combatant

commands that they support. Col. Mark Ware, 24th AF's director of cyberspace plans and operations, said the name change "will not impact the 24th Air Force's mission." According to Ware, Wednesday's move came five years to the day that the Air Force added "cyberspace," for the first time, to its mission statement. 2010

Maj. Gen. Burke Wilson commander of 24th Air Force, extolled the value of AFA's CyberPatriot program during testimony before the House Armed Services emerging threats and capabilities panel on March 4, saying the program is helping students develop the skills needed to become part of the future cyber security force. Wilson said the Air Force supports "a host of missions" focused on encouraging the younger generation to take science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) courses. He highlighted the CyberPatriot VII National Finals competition, which will be held March 11-15 in National Harbor, Md., as an example. The event is sponsored by the Air Force Association and supported by several industry partners, "as well as cyber professionals from the Air Force," and seeks "to encourage students to pursue cybersecurity and other STEM careers," said Burke. This year's competition involved over 2,100 teams with more than 10,000 students from the US, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Defense Department schools overseas, Wilson said. 2015



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