

## 355 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 355 Communications Squadron provides world class communications capabilities to D-M warfighters to ensure they have the information they need, when they need it. The Airmen of the CS provide a broad range of capabilities to the Desert Lightning Team including the operation and maintenance of the entire communications infrastructure on the base. The communications infrastructure is a very large network of systems that is comprised of classified/unclassified computer networks, radio systems, telephone switches, and Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems. The CS also oversees base records management, web page content, and computer resource accountability programs. The 355 CS also oversees publications, forms, and instructions, and the official mail center. In addition, the squadron manages the unit-level Theater Battle Management Core Systems, Information Protection Office, and Time Compliance Network Orders.

### LINEAGE

3415 Signal Service Detachment (Equipment Installation) constituted, 10 Oct 1944

Activated 2 Nov 1944

Redesignated 3415 Signal Equipment Installation Detachment, 29 Mar 1945

Redesignated 5 Signal Equipment Installation Unit, 1 Mar 1949

Inactivated, 6 Jan 1950

Redesignated 355 Communications Squadron, and activated, 1 May 1992

### STATIONS

London, England, 2 Nov 1944

Paris, France, 27 Nov 1944

Kaufbeuren Air Field, Germany, 1 Jan-11 Feb 1947

Kelly Field (later, Kelly AFB), TX, 11 Feb 1947

Andrews AFB, MD, 1 Mar 1949  
Tinker AFB, OK, 23 Jun 1949-6 Jan 1950  
Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 May 1992

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Plant Engineering Agency, 2 Nov 1944  
Army Air Forces, 1 July 1946  
Air Transport Command, 26 Jul 1946  
Air Communications Service, 1 Aug 1946  
Air Materiel Command, 11 Feb 1947  
Military Air Transport Service, 1 Mar 1949-6 Jan 1950  
355 Support (later, 355 Mission Support) Group, 1 May 1992

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Kevin D. Rook

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II EAME Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
[1 May 1992]-1 Aug 1993  
1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000  
1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004  
1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006  
1 Jun 2007-31 May 2009

## **EMBLEM**

Approved, 22 Mar 1995

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 355 CS is also working several large cabling projects at locations throughout base to improve the communications infrastructure in order to meet projected growth. The CS works in concert with numerous base agencies to ensure that all communications requirements for new construction and renovation projects are met to fulfill installation mission requirements. In addition, the CS is responsible for managing all aspects of the installations Information Assurance needs in order to provide the highest level of COMSEC, COMPUSEC, and EMSEC security. Furthermore, the CS also fulfills a wartime mission with deploying communicators to the far

reaches of the globe providing critical communications to the warfighter. The squadron went through three large inspections: Scope Edge, Air Traffic Control Standardization & Evaluation Program, and Command Cyber Readiness Inspection. In addition, numerous transformations are completed or in progress: legacy switch replacement, port security, Microsoft Vista Upgrade, BlackBerry CAC reader implementation, Client Systems Technician & Knowledge Operations Manager transformation, & Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Telephone initial roll out.

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