

## 2154 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

2154 Communications Squadron designated and activated, 2 Oct 1977

### STATIONS

Whiteman AFB, MO, 1 Oct 1977

### ASSIGNMENTS

Strategic Communications Area (later Strategic Communications Division; Strategic Information Systems Division; Strategic Communications Division)

### COMMANDERS

Lt Col Andrew I. Balko, 2 Oct 1977  
Lt Col Edward N. Sinclair, 7 Apr 1978  
Lt Col Elbert S. Walker, 17 Jul 1981  
Lt Col Richard P. Ward, 15 Jun 1983  
Lt Col Wayne R. Boles, 8 Jul 1985  
Lt Col Allyn K. Mills, 24 Jun 1988  
Lt Col Bernard K. Skoch, 9 Jul 1990

### HONORS

#### Service Streamers

#### Campaign Streamers

#### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

#### Decorations

## **EMBLEM**

On the bottom center of a blue disc is a white demiglobe with blue longitude/latitude lines. The demiglobe, portraying the place of distinction in the linkage of command and control in the global aspect of Air Force operations, supports a gray antenna structure surmounted by a gray electron symbol. The antenna and electron symbols represent the apparatus by which command and control signals radiate in support of aerospace power. Symbolizing the Air Force Communications Command's "Reins of Command" are two lightning flashes radiating from the top of the antenna. The lightning flash arcing to the left side of the antenna terminates near a white missile detailed in blue in vertical ascent. The lightning flash on the right terminates above a white silhouetted aircraft in horizontal flight. Both the missile and the aircraft symbolize the primary wing mission. The olive wreath, encircling the symbols represents the offering of peace and goodwill in performing the mission. Attached below the disc is a blank white scroll edged in blue.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Although now an active member of the Whiteman community, the 2154th Communications Squadron has only existed since 1977. If that's the case, who provided communication services to the base in the early days?

The answer depended on what type of communications services you needed. Missiles and base needs were met by the 351st Communications Squadron, SAC, while aircraft needs were met by the 1991st Communications Squadron, Air Force Communications Service (AFCS).

Looking to streamline operations and provide better management, SAC, in 1976, turned over all of its communications assets to AFCS. Shortly after that, the two squadrons merged into one, the 351st Communications Squadron, AFCS. It wasn't until a year later that the communications squadron aligned itself with standard AFCS squadron identification. Special order G-128 inactivated the 351st Communications Squadron and redesignated it to the 2154th Communications Squadron.

The "Reins of Command" is the product of the 2154th Communications Squadron. Our mission is to provide communications support to the 351 SMW and its tenant units. This support includes voice and record communications, data automation, air traffic control services, and the maintenance of all government-owned communications systems within the missile complex and on the support base.

To accomplish this mission, the 2154th has 207 people assigned, organized into five branches, which manage more than \$50 million worth of communications equipment.

The Operations Branch encompasses Data Automation, Record Communications, Combat Crew Communications, Telephone Operations, and Unit Security and COMSEC Accounting.

The Air Traffic Control Branch provides necessary control of flying operations in the Whiteman AFB terminal area.

Communications, Plans, and Programs Branch processes all communications requirements and maintains inventories of communications equipment. It plans future communications requirements and acts as a resource advisor for the squadron.

The Squadron Section Branch manages all personnel and administrative programs.

The final branch is Maintenance. Seventy percent of the squadron personnel are assigned to maintenance. It is this branch's responsibility for the maintenance and repair of both missile and base communications systems. Five staff functions and 11 production work centers insure that the best possible service is provided.

The 2154th Communication Squadron is a valuable member of the 351 SMW team. It reports to the Strategic Communications Division of the Air Force Communications Command.

As an integral part of the 351 SMW team, the 2154th Communications Squadron is a subordinate element of SCD at Offutt AFB, NE. But more importantly, we are part of the 351st Strategic Missile Wing's proud past and promising future.

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