

# 94 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



## MISSION

### LINEAGE

94 Communications Squadron, Bombardment, Light, 10 May 1949

Activated in the Reserve, 26 Jun 1949

Redesignated 94 Communications Squadron, 10 Mar 1950

Ordered to Active Service, 10 Mar 1951

Inactivated, 20 Mar 1951

Activated in the Reserve, 14 Jun 1952

Inactivated, 14 Apr 1959

94 Operations Squadron constituted, 5 Dec 1958

Activated in the Reserve, 14 Apr 1959

Ordered to Active Service, 28 Oct 1962

Relieved from Active Duty, 28 Nov 1962

Discontinued and inactivated, 11 Feb 1963

94 Communications Flight constituted, 18 Jun 1976

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jul 1976

Redesignated 94 Information Systems Squadron, 10 Apr 1985

94 Communications Squadron, 94 Operations Squadron, and 94 Information Systems Squadron Consolidated, 1 Feb 1987. Consolidated organization designated 94 Communications Squadron.

Redesignated 94 Communications Flight, 1 Aug 1992

Redesignated 94 Communications Squadron, 1 Oct 1992

Redesignated 94 Communications Flight, 1 Jul 1995

Redesignated 94 Communications Squadron, 1 Jan 2012

Redesignated 94 Communications Flight

### **STATIONS**

Marietta AFB, (Later Dobbins AFB), GA, 26 Jun 1949-20 Mar 1951

Dobbins AFB, GA, 14 Jun 1952-18 May 1955

Scott AFB, IL, 18 May 1955-16 Nov 1957

Laurence G Hanscom Fld, MA, 16 Nov 1957-11 Feb 1963

Dobbins AFB (later, Dobbins ARB), GA, 1 Jul 1976

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

94 Air Base Group, 26 Jun 1949-20 Mar 1951

94 Air Base Group, 14 Jun 1952-11 Feb 1963

94 Combat Support (later, 94 Support) Group, 1 Jul 1976

94 Mission Support Group

### **COMMANDERS**

Maj Michael J. McCully, 1 Aug 1999

Cpt Jamison S. de la Peña

Cpt Terrance Spikes

Maj Kayla A. Sailer, Jun 2009

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1981-31 Dec 1982

1 Jan 1984-31 Jul 1985

15 Aug 1987-14 Aug 1989

30 Aug 1990-29 Aug 1992

16 Aug 1992-15 Aug 1994

16 Aug 1995-15 Aug 1997

### **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, an arched jet stream issuing from sinister, convergent to middle chief Argent, partly eclipsed by a demi-globe in base Celeste, rimmed and gridlined White, surmounted by a representation of Mercury running at full speed Or, shaded Sable wrists and waist banded White, toga of the third and grasping in sinister hand a lightning bolt fesswise Yellow, within a triple border alternating White, Yellow and White. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow White border and inscribed "94TH COMMUNICATIONS FLT" in White letters. Attached below the

disc, an Blue scroll edged with a narrow White border and inscribed "ON LINE – ON TIME" in White 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 globe describes the worldwide mission, with the swoosh emitting from the globe, signifying the swiftness that technology gives to global communications. The figure of Mercury is a symbol of the speed and direction of modern communications.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

A communications and information award selection board convened at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., and selected 18 individuals and two units as Air Force Reserve Command communications and information winners for 2005. One of those units was our own 94th Communications Flight. Command officials announced the award selections Feb. 16.

Along with the 94th CF, March ARBs 4th CTCS received the Lt. Gen. Harold W. Grant awards in the flight and squadron categories, respectively. These awards recognize communications and information organizations for excellent support to the Air Force mission. Capt. William Brock, 94th CF commander, attributes a lot of the unit's success to teamwork. "I believe they achieved the award because the unit really functions as a team despite the different types of employees we have (i.e., contractors, DoD civilians, Reservists, and air reserve technicians)."

"Nobody is more important than anybody else. We each have an important role to play in making the mission happen," Captain Brock said. Captain Brock also tries to encourage everybody to be creative in coming up with solutions to problems. "Probably the most important factor is I know when to shut my mouth, get out of the way and let the folks do their job." The unit was recognized for their efforts in support of Hurricane Katrina relief. According to the award nomination the engineers provided emergency communication support.

The unit constructed a joint military/civilian 24-hour Emergency Operations Center within six hours of their tasking. Other noteworthy accomplishments during the relief efforts were 182 phone lines in nine facilities for Marines that were evacuated from New Orleans to Dobbins. Engineers also activated iridium phones in three days for the deploying Marines — a job that normally takes weeks. The unit's "can do" attitude helped save AFRC \$71,000 through self-help projects that innovative personnel took on. This was just one example of countless cost saving ventures the unit accomplished. Through planning and management of resources \$1 million was saved in spare parts and shelter for MAJCOM's precision approach radar system. The unit can also be proud of the 771 work orders that were completed while providing 24/7 support for two real-world crises.

And this is just a small portion of the things this unit has accomplished. The AFRC Contractor Management Assistance Visit noted the dramatic improvement since their last evaluation and the team offered zero write ups "It's always a great morale booster when a small unit such as ours can compete with the bigger units. But the real satisfaction comes from making the mission happen," said Captain Brock. 2006

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The 94 CF used to be 94th Combat Communications. combat communications left Dobbins, along with their tasking. Air Force Reserve Command saw the need for a Communications Flight mission and out of that, new growth grew into the communications Squadron. "When combat comm, left, it created a vacuum," explained Senior Master Sgt. Tommy Sams, 94th Communications Squadron readiness air reserve technician (ART). "There was no mission." Joint Incident Site Communication Capability, or JISCC, is their new mission and is the reason the 94 CF changed to the Communications Squadron Jan. 1.

"We've more than doubled in size in the last year," said Senior Master Sgt. Claudia Martin, 94th Communications Squadron base knowledge operations manager. In the last three years, the squadron has grown from 19 to 53 members, and that amount qualified them to be upgraded to squadron level. JISCC consists of a satellite system that provides internet capability. It also provides ground to air and ground to ground communications. Those communications can talk to airplanes, and the planes can talk to us, and we can talk to other ground to ground points, which include High Frequency (HF), Ultra High Frequency (UHF) and Very High Frequency (VHF). Confused yet? Don't worry, because the 94th Communications Squadron isn't; it's their job to understand. The squadron can be ready within 48 to 72 hours notice and, once they reach their destination, they can be operational in two hours.

"We train for real world; the big picture," said Master Sgt. Debbie Laviolette, 94th Communications Squadron work center supervisor. "That's the reason the squadron exists." The squadron was invited to participate and do just that during Task Force Razorback (TFRB) in West Helena, Ark., last June. TFRB was the first opportunity to put the JISCC to the test. "We're your one-stop-shop for communication," said Sams. The 94th Communications Squadron provided direct support to the Army and Navy in the forms of video, tele-conferencing and cyber café. The TFRB was a joint force military mission to provide medical, dental, optometry, pharmacy, and veterinarian services to the depressed of the Delta region in Arkansas.

There are five cities in the Delta region on the Eastern side. The total economic impact to that area was equivalent to 1.5 million dollars. Teams from the squadron were deployed in two different waves over a month period. The mission ran so smoothly that the squadron was invited by the Air National Guard to participate in a similar exercise again later this year in Alabama. "Training is a huge initiative for Airmen to step up and prove themselves," stated Laviolette. "A humanitarian feel creates motivation in a training status." In addition to communication support, the communications squadron also offered moral support for Army and Navy members, providing the ability to keep in touch with family while on the mission through the cyber café. That's a luxury that the Army and Navy didn't think would be provided.

The squadron is also responsible for training the wing Knowledge Operation Managers (KOM) and the reserve and civilian administrative assistants that perform KOM duties as well. All this practice is in lieu of when the squadron will be called up at a moment's notice to support the internal part of any given man-made or natural disaster. Their unit is a lightweight, highly mobile crux to any kind of emergency. The 94th Communications Squadron is embracing their new

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"There was no mission." JISCC or Joint Incident Site Communication Capability is their new mission and is the reason Com Flight changed into Com Squadron on January 1, 2012. "We've more than doubled in size in the last year," said Senior Master Sgt. Claudia Martin, 94th Com Squadron Base Knowledge Operations Manager. In the last three years, Com Squadron has grown from 19 to 53 members, and that amount qualified them to be upgraded to squadron level.

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"In the big picture, it's why we exist," said Master Sgt. Debbie Laviolette, 94th Com Squadron Work Center Supervisor. It's also Com Squadron's job to practice and to hone their specialties, and they were invited in June of 2011 to participate and do just that in Task Force Razor Back (TFRB). TFRB, in West Helena, Ark., was the first opportunity to put the JISCC to the test. "We're your one-stop-shopping for communication," said Sams. Com Squadron provided direct support to the Army and Navy in the form of video, tele-conference and cyber café. The TFRB was a joint force military mission to provide medical, dental, optometry, pharmacy, and veterinarian services to the depressed area of the Delta region in Arkansas.

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