

## **Expeditionary Communications Squadron**

### **Proficiency Code: A**

Expeditionary units are established to operate with an Air Expeditionary Task Force (AETF). The organizational structure of an expeditionary communications squadron is no different from an in-garrison communications squadron. The only exception is support units with the numerical designation for expeditionary units that have a major force provider that will reflect the designation of the unit that provides the preponderance of forces or the command element to the expeditionary organization.

For example, if the 4th Fighter Wing (Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base) were the major force provider of an Air Expeditionary Wing (AEW), then the nomenclature would be 4th Expeditionary Fighter Wing (EFW). If there were a mix of forces (e.g., fighter, mobility) then the nomenclature would be the 4th AEW. The organizational level of the expeditionary unit must be the same as the unit providing the majority of forces, except for situations such as if the size and scope does not warrant the designation. For example, the 368th Expeditionary Communication Squadron (Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait) is in the 386th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, which is in the 386th AEW. The major force provider for the 386th AEW is the 86th Airlift Wing (Ramstein Air Base).