CYBER MISSION'S BUMPY ROAD

December 2005
The Air Force unveils a mission statement declaring airmen will "fly and fight in air, space, and cyberspace."

Feb. 28, 2006
Then-Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley and Secretary Michael Wynne establish the Cyber Task Force to address the possibility of a cyber command.

Sept. 6, 2006
Wynne and Moseley ask ACC, AFSPC, AFMC and AETC commanders to present options for establishing a cyber command. The unit is intended to fall under an existing major command.

November 2006
Lt. Gen. Robert Elder, 8th Air Force commander, is assigned to pull together the new cyber command for a standup in fall 2007.

April 2007
Russia launches a cyberattack against Estonia. The attack will be cited frequently as evidence the U.S. needs to step up its cyber defenses.

September 2007
Wynne announces cyber command will stand up provisionally at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. The command is set to become operational Oct. 1, 2008.

June 2008
Wynne and Moseley are fired because of nuclear-related issues.

July 2008
The Air Force announces new cyber-related career fields and a career development path.

Aug. 1, 2008
The new leadership team, Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Secretary Michael Donley, announce cyber command is on hold.

Oct. 7, 2008
Schwartz and Donley announce cyber will be a numbered Air Force under Air Force Space Command.

Jan. 21, 2009
Officials announce six finalists for the headquarters of 24th Air Force.

April/May 2009
Location of 24th Air Force headquarters expected to be announced.

Summer 2009
24th Air Force expected to be stood up.

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