

# 104<sup>th</sup> COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

104<sup>th</sup> Communications Flight activated, 8 Jun 1966  
Redesignated 104<sup>th</sup> Information Systems Flight  
Redesignated 104<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron  
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## STATIONS

Westfield, MA

## ASSIGNMENTS

104<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group

## COMMANDERS

Maj Charles H. Darling  
1LT Edward T Van Keuren  
Maj Milton R. Barnes, #1987

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## EMBLEM

## MOTTO

## NICKNAME

## **OPERATIONS**

2009 Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays the 212th Engineering Installation Squadron from the swift completion of their appointed duties. Just like our neighborhood postal carriers, the men and women of the 212th E&I unit could easily use the same creed. In January of this year the 104th Communications Flight was scheduled to have a new Fiber Optic cable installed by Verizon off of Falcon Drive. The good news was we were going to get a major upgrade to the outside world; the bad news was we were lacking the needed conduit infrastructure coming into the Base.

The old conduit infrastructure could not support any additional cables. To add to the mix we also were on a timeline with long haul circuit providers to have this accomplished before the end of February. With a short notice, Chief Rauktis and his crew from the 212th were here to accomplish a flawless site survey and provide a list of materials. They planned a new path for the conduit to be trenched from Falcon Drive through the snow packed woods into our existing duct system.

Their installation team, led by MSgt Robertson, worked quickly and efficiently through horrible weather conditions to install the duct run, ahead of time and right on budget. The team worked like nothing the weather brought would affect them and the job at hand. This project resulted in a major upgrade to our infrastructure, which in the short term will allow a 4-fold increase in the data rate of the long haul circuit that connects the Barnes LAN to the ANG NIPRNET enclave. In the long term, the 212th has helped the base with the capability for future expansion.

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Sources

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