165th COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT

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165th Communications Flight (Support) was federally recognized in Jul 1966

STATIONS
Garden City, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS
Maj James B. Coward
Cpt Carey W. Randall
Cpt Robert W. Warnock
Maj Madison O. Mock
Maj Richard D. Lee
LTC Roy E. Godwin
Maj Robert H. Robertson

HONORS
Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS
The mission of the 165th Communication Flight is to provide trained Communications Electronics personnel to perform C-E staff, operation and maintenance function for the 165th

Tactical Airlift Group and subordinate units located at Savannah International Airport. Communications support is also provided for the 283rd CMBTCS, 224th CMBTCS, and the Field Training Site Detachment.

165th Communications Flight is responsible for supporting a Base Support Element (BSE) and Collocated Operating Base (COB). As a BSE, the 165th provides operations and maintenance of the normal base communications equipment required to support ANG/AFRES Base activities (e.g., Base Communications Center, Telephone Switchboard, Radio Operations, and Telephone Installation and Repair).

In 1981, the mobility requirements for all Air Reserve Forces Communications Flights were re-evaluated. A new concept, Collocated Operating Base, was formulated. The 165th Communications Flight was one of the chosen Air National Guard units to establish a COB Team. Presently, 20 of the 39 people within the Communications Flight are assigned to this particular team and in time of war may be tasked to deploy to a specific overseas location in supporting the communications-electronics requirements.

In March 1999, the 165th AW network operating system was upgraded from Banyan Vines to Windows NT. The Windows "New Technology" enables a more user friendly environment, providing members with a more integrated mail system. Windows NT's user interface enabled the transition from "Happy Mail" to Outlook to be virtually painless. With approximately 1200 users, our operating system functions efficiently and effectively with minimum down time.

The Network Control Center (NCC) is in the final stages of DMS (Defense Message System) implementation here at the 165 AW. DMS will ultimately replace AUTODIN, the current messaging system used by the Air Force. Signed and encrypted messages will soon be able to be sent from desktops, by those users who have FORTEZZA cards. DMS will provide the security we need for messaging, with the convenience of accessibility.

Since 1996, The 165th Communication Flight Mission Systems Maintenance Section has upgraded the Base CCTV system to include three switchable channels. The base paging system was con-verted from operating over a copper cable system to a state of the art fiber optic system. The cabling infrastructure has been upgraded and tested to support Fast Ethernet. This will enhance the current network speed being generated by a majority of the base. The base comptroller section and associated sections were upgraded to fast ethernet. thus enhancing networking speed in those particular offices.

By 1996, Administration Specialists evolved into Information Management Journeymen, Craftsmen and Managers. We have said goodbye to the "typing pool" syndrome and have embraced the ever-changing aspects of technology in our career field (3 AOX1), By December 1999, 59 Information Managers (IMers) were certified as Workgroup Administrators (WGA) and many are on their way tc becoming Workgroup Managers (WM). WGAs at Wing and unil levels are now responsible for computer safety, security, and risk analysis, as well as installing software and upgrading computei components. We serve as the "Help Desk", troubleshooting wherever we can. IMers are the experienced individuals in Microsoft Office programs for Windows. The Wing Information Managers conducl classes on basic computer skills and software programs.

We provide information throughout our organization and community with 2 monthly newsletter, as well as maintaining the base intranet site.

Telephone controls have also improved over the last 2 years. Commercial long distance calls are now tracked using an automated process rather than having individuals maintain a log on AF Form 1072 that was turned in monthly to the Telephone Control Officers (TCO's). The 165'" AW TCO in the Plans Branch tracks the calls monthly using Call Accounting software that prints out all calls made by all individuals who have an authorization code (personal identification number - PIN). This greatly relieves the administrative difficulties once endured by the TCO's. The management of telephone authorization codes and Call Accounting reports has promoted a decrease of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse with long-haul calls. There have been only a handful of known instances over the 2 years where abuse was noted and the financial charges have been recouped from those individuals. In addition, when visiting units arrive here at the CRTC and also run up our long-haul phone charges, those units are billed and the 165th AW is reimbursed for their calls. Recouping charges from FWA and from visiting units has saved the 165th AW greater than $13,000.

The Plans Branch is the focal point of contract for excess computer turn-in. Reutilization of any serviceable items within the 165th AW and GSU's is the first consideration and is continuously being implemented. Many older Pentium computer systems have been upgraded over the past year, extending the life of computers within the IPMS inventory. Computers that are 486 or older versions, if serviceable, have been made available to area schools for donation, as per Executive Order (EO) 12999, signed by President Clinton. In 1998, eight donations were made. In 1999, 10 donations were made. And in 2000, so far 2 donations have been made. Overall, in the past 2 years, 20 donations have been made to 14 different schools and County Boards of Education, and this to 4 different counties within the state of Georgia. The current inventory is dwindling of 486 computers and we expect in the near future to be able to donate some of our first generation Pentiums.

The Unit Deployment Management (UDM) is a function of the Plans Branch. This year we have had 6 individuals successfully deploy to 3 different countries on 2 separate dates in support of Air Expeditionary Forces (AEF). The Plans Branch UDM's have accurately maintained the chemical warfare gear inventory, passing its recent inspection. LOGMOD has been implemented over the past year and is maintained with accuracy within the Plans Branch on all individuals within the 165th Communications Flight.

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