

221st COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



LINEAGE

221st Radio Relay Squadron, 31 July 1952
221st Mobile Communications Squadron, March, 1968,
221st Combat Communications Squadron

STATIONS

Garland ANGS, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

251 Group, Ohio

252nd Group January 1963, Washington

254th Mobile Communications Group

254th Combat Communications Group

COMMANDERS

2LT Louis A. Howard, Jul 1952

Maj Harold G. Adams, Aug 1952

Maj John J. Haynes, Sep 1956-Aug 1961

Maj Louis A. Howard, Oct 1961

Maj Jerry R. Edwards, Jun 1971

Maj Guadalupe Villarreal, Jun 1973

Maj Robert E. Horstman, Sep 1976

Maj James R. Mason, Jun 1982

Maj Allen R. Dehnert, Oct 1984

LTC Paul W. Richards, Mar 1987

LTC James Cooper, Aug 1996

Maj Ron K. Patterson, Aug 1999

LTC Jeffrey Young, Jul 2002

Major Joshlin D. Lewis

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Awards Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1971

2006

2008

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The function of a Combat Communications Squadron is to provide communications in a deployed environment. Such requirements may include establishing a Local Area Network, Telephone Network, Wide Area Network, and Radio Communications. All this while ensuring reliable connectivity for those parties serviced & maintaining mission effectiveness. Methods used: Satellite, Microwave, Troposcopic, RF/VHF, and Cable. The equipment used is unique only within the military environment while some are commercially manufactured."

The 221st Combat Communications Squadron was organized in 31 July, 1952, as the 221st Radio Relay Squadron. Its operational headquarters was the 251 Group at Springfield, Ohio; and was administratively supported by the 136th AW at Hensley Field. In January 1963, the operational command was transferred to the 252nd Group at Spokane, Washington. In March, 1968, the unit was redesignated as the 221st Mobile Communications Squadron to more accurately reflect the mission.

The unit became a Group Headquarters in April, 1971, as the 254th Mobile Communications Group with assigned units in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Assets assigned to the Group passed to the newly activated 254th Squadron,, which was collocated with the Group. In 1986, after several name changes, the Group and Squadron finally settled on the names that they carry today, the 221 Combat Communications Squadron, and the 254th Combat Communications Group.

The Group and Squadron have both compiled an impressive record of achievements through the years. Its personnel have deployed to all corners of the United States, to foreign lands, such as Europe, including Spain, England, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. The Group and Squadron have also traveled to Korea, Honduras, Saudi Arabia, Haiti, and Columbia.

As part of the 254 Combat Communications Group, the 221 Combat Communications Squadron participated in the Joint Chiefs of Staff- directed joint exercise, Brave Shield 12, and in 1979, and by doing this, became one of the first Air National Guard units to deploy to the European theater to provide communications support for a NATO series of exercises.

2005 31 Aug The 221st Combat Communications Squadron, Texas ANG, deployed in SAD to Louisiana where they deployed their Iridium Phone communications package to Hammond, Louisiana and to the Superdome in New Orleans.

3 Sep The 221st Combat Communication Squadron, Texas ANG, deployed fifty personnel in SAD to NAS New Orleans.

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