

131 COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT



MISSION

LINEAGE

131 Communications Squadron, Feb 1951
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STATIONS

St Louis, MO

ASSIGNMENTS

131 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

Cpt Joseph S. Plate, #1954
Maj Carl G. Schiebal, #1973

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Gules, a demi-globe Proper in middle base, charged with an arch Argent, from dexter base to sinister base, charged with four lightning bolts Or emanating from middle chief

to dexter and sinister base, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Gray scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "CONNEXION" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Gray scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "131ST COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT" in Black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The arch signifies the communications gateway that connects the Air Force to the outside world during war and peace. The lightning bolts represent the flow of information in the four major forms used by Air Force warfighters and provided by the Flight: hard wire, wireless, computerized data and visual information. The globe represents the expanse of the unit's mission. The motto, "Connexion," means an instrumentality that connects, the act of bringing two things into contact, especially in communications.

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OPERATIONS

In February 1951, the Missouri Air National Guard underwent extensive redesignation, under AGMo General Order No. 7. Additionally the order called for the activation of seven new units. Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron of the 131st Composite Wing was redesignated Hq and Hq Squadron, 131st Fighter Wing and the 131st Composite Group was redesignated the 131st Fighter Group. The 110th was also reorganized, with support personnel going to the squadrons activated by General Order No. 7, the 131st Maintenance Squadron, the 131st Supply Group, the 131st Motor Vehicle Squadron, the 131st Communications Squadron, the 131st Food Service Squadron, the 131st Air Police Squadron and the 131st Installations Squadron. The 131st Medical Group was also activated.

The 131st Communications Flight was federally recognized in May 1994, has supported the 131st Fighter Wing as the Mission Support Flight and the Information System Flight. Past Commanders include Major Larry Hollrah, Major Mary Ann Seibel, and Major Eric Work. The current commander is Major Paul Blanzky.

Computer system have always been a secure and fiercely guarded commodity. The eleven systems on base in 1996 were the pride of the Air Guard and even included several 80286 class machines. In 1989 the base installed one of the first Local Area Networks in the Air National Guard.

This Network grew to over 800 computer workstations, 100 printers, 8 file servers and over 1200 users. While current network servers run the Banyan VINES operating systems, both the file servers and desktop PC's were poised to provide quality operations well into the 21st century.

In addition to computers, Communications Flight was responsible for all of the base's telecommunications requirements. Other support functions include publications-distribution services, base reprographics, computer and visual graphics, digital photography, and video production.

The 131st Communications Flight has provided information services to its customers at Lambert Field, Jefferson Barracks, Cannon Range and MoANG State headquarters--the information they need, when they need it.