

211th RESCUE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

211th Rescue Squadron
Activated, 2 Oct 2004

STATIONS

Kulis ANGB, Anchorage, AK
Elmendorf AFB, AK

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

HC-130N

COMMANDERS

LTC Peter Katinszky
LTC Donald Keese

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 211th Rescue Squadron is one of three flying squadrons that work together to execute the 176th Wing's search-and-rescue missions.

The 211 RQS operates four HC-130s. One of its major upgrades is the ability to refuel other aircraft in mid-air; this allows the HH-60s of the 211th's sister squadron, the 210 RQS, to function over a greatly extended range. It is also equipped with a suite of components radar and night-vision goggles, for example that allow it to function effectively at night and in poor weather.

In 2004, the 210th Rescue Squadron divided into the 210th, 211th and 212th rescue squadrons.

When in a theater of combat, squadron members operate at the direction of the overall theater combatant commander and the theater's commander of air forces. In these situations, the 211th is primarily assigned to conduct personnel recovery operations -- rescuing downed airmen or other isolated personnel from enemy territory, for example. In addition to combat search-and-rescue missions like these, the 211th may also conduct collateral missions: noncombatant evacuation operations, inter- and intra-theater airlift, and support of special operations forces, for example.

Back at home, the 211th Rescue Squadron is part of a network of search-and-rescue organizations that save hundreds of lives in and around Alaska every year. This network includes not only the 211th Rescue Squadron's sister squadrons in the 176th Wing, but also such agencies as the U.S. Coast Guard, the Alaska State Troopers, the National Park Service, the Civil Air Patrol and others. Other 211th missions include non-combat search and rescue, emergency aeromedical evacuations, humanitarian relief, international aid, counter-drug activities, and support for NASA flight operations.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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