

## 2 COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

2 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron, Mobile, constituted, 28 Jan 1952  
Activated, 1 Mar 1952

Redesignated 2 Mobile Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961

Redesignated 2 Mobile Communications Group, 1 Aug 1963

Redesignated 2 Combat Communications Group, 24 Mar 1976

Redesignated 2 Combat Information Systems Group, 15 Aug 1984

Redesignated 2 Combat Communications Group, 1 Oct 1986

### STATIONS

Munich-Rheims AACS Station, West Germany

Hahn AB, West Germany, 28 Jul 1953

Toul-Rosieres AB, France, 25 Jun 1960

Sembach AB, West Germany, 30 Nov 1966

Lindsey AS, West Germany, 1 Jun 1973

Patrick AFB, Florida, 8 Dec 1975

### ASSIGNMENTS

1812 Airways and Air Communications Service Group

1807 Airways and Air Communications Service Wing, 1 Nov 1953

1820 Airways and Air Communications Service Group (later, Central European AACS Region), 1 Dec 1954

European-African-Middle Eastern Airways and Air Communications Service Area (later,

European Communications Area), 8 Apr 1958  
Tactical Communications Area (later, Tactical Communications Division; Tactical Information  
Systems Division; Tactical Communications Division), 1 Jul 1976

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Harry O. Mailman, Mar 1952  
Maj Vincent H. Gookin, 1 Nov 1952  
Lt Col James B. Tebbs, 1958  
Lt Col Reed H. Carney, 11 Aug 1959  
Lt Col Larche M. Washer, 3 Aug 1962  
Col Joseph W. Anderson, Jr., 1964  
Lt Col Robert E. Stairs (Interim), 20 Jul 1966  
Col Henry F. X. Hession, 5 Aug 1966  
Col Don E. Dossey, 24 Jul 1969  
Col James W. Stanley, 8 Sep 1971  
Lt Col Peter K. Densmore, 8 Jan 1973  
Lt Col Robert S. Rayfield, 25 Nov 1974  
Lt Col Edward L. Callicotte, 1 Apr 1975  
Maj Raymond H. Grenier, 10 Oct 1975  
Col Ronald B. Youse, 14 Jun 1976  
Col Nelson R. Hamilton, 1 Mar 1979  
Lt Col Robert G. Paillex, 11 Jun 1982  
Col Robert J. Parrish, 29 Jul 1983  
Col Marshall E. Jordan, 17 Jun 1985  
Col Earl J. Scalet, 10 Jun 1988

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
22 Jul 1960-30 Jul 1960  
19 Sep 1970-1 Nov 1970  
2 Apr 1974-22 Jun 1974  
1 Jan 1979-31 Dec 1980

MUC (US Navy)

3 Jun 1974-22 Jul 1975

## **EMBLEM**



2 Mobile Communications Group emblem

2 Combat Communications Group emblem: The atom with orbiting electrons and emanating lightning is representative of the central multifaceted communications-electronics mission of the unit which includes all phases of meteorological communications, point-to-point communications, air traffic control services, and navigational aids (four electrons and lightning bolts). The winged wheel with lightning signifies the Air Force requirement of rapid response (lightning bolts) by unit-provided surface movement (wheel) and air mobility (wings). The fields of black above ultramarine blue depict the complete spectrum of communications-electronics activity from near the earth's surface through the atmosphere into space. The blue wall (field) topped by parapets is symbolic of the history of the unit which was formed in Europe and was for a long period of time the only Air Force (ultramarine blue) mobile communications unit assigned in Europe (castle wall parapets).

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 2d Mobile Communications Squadron, at Toul-Rosieres AB, France, supported the Europe, Africa, Mid East Area.

Developments in the Middle East in 1963 prompted the Joint Chiefs of Staff to task the 2 Mobile Communications Group to provide communication equipment to support a show of force to deter the United Arab Republic from harassing or attempting the overthrow of the Saudi Arabian government. To accomplish this, the Talking Bird communication package was deployed to the area on 4 May and remained in operation until 13 May.

In May 1963, 2 Mobile Communications Group deployed single sideband radio teams and equipment to several worldwide locations to support the Project Mercury "Man in Space" program. In 1965, AFCS increased its support of space projects when technicians were posted around the globe to provide communication service for the Gemini space shot launched from Cape Kennedy, Florida. Specialists from the 2nd Mobile Communications Group established operations throughout the Pacific and Atlantic supporting the four-day flight. Mobile facilities were also poised in readiness to support recovery operations if needed as well as handled other communication traffic associated with the space shot. The communications teams worked hand-in-hand with the Air Rescue Service to assure instant recovery of the space capsule wherever it landed.

The 2 deployed to the Roosevelt Roads Naval Air Station, Puerto Rico, to provide communications support for the Air Force task force elements. Later they redeployed to Barbados in support of the A-10 aircraft which flew close air support for American forces in Grenada deploying a TACAN and a mobile control tower to Point Salines for additional air traffic control support.

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#### Sources

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