

1901st COMMUNICATIONS GROUP



LINEAGE

124th Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated, 14 May 1948

Organized, 1 Jun 1948

Redesignated 1901st AACS Squadron, 1 Oct 1948

Redesignated 1901st Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961

Redesignated HQ 1901st Communications Group, 1 Jun 1981

Redesignated 1901st Information Systems Group, 1 Dec 1984

Redesignated 1901st Communications Group, 1 Nov 1986

STATIONS

Fairfield-Suisun (later, Travis) AFB, CA

ASSIGNMENTS

51st AACS Group (later, 1801st AACS Group; Western AACS Region; Western Communications Region)

Northern Communications Area

Airlift Communications Division (later, Airlift Information Systems Division; Airlift Communications Division), 1 Jun 1981

COMMANDERS

Maj Duane Pangle, 30 Jun 1954

Maj John D. Anderson, 1 Dec 1955-?

LTC Kenneth L. Huez, 1 Jan 1962

LTC Peter Kravchonok, Sep 1962

LTC Roger A. McCaulley, 5 Sep 1964

Cpt James A. Edmondson (Interim), Jun 1966

LTC Francis L. Jory, 1966

LTC Lester G. Tolbert, 2 Sep 1967
Maj B. F. Steele, 13 Dec 1968
LTC A. Reid, 1969
LTC Donald F. Wenzel, 7 Oct 1969-Jul 1970
Maj Frederick J. Miller, Jr., Jan 1972
LTC Roy A. Gulmont, Jul 1973
Maj Norman A. Benson (Interim), 17 Jun 1974
LTC Arthur Yarrington, 12 Jul 1974
LTC William K. O'Donnell, 1 Jul 1977
LTC H. W. Sidebottom, 13 Nov 1980
LTC William J. Donahue, 30 Dec 1982
Col Thomas H. Yates, 29 Jun 1984
Col Robert G. Murphy, 11 Aug 1986
Col John W. Manning, 7 Jun 1988

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jan 1982-31 Dec 1982
1 Jan 1983-31 Dec 1984

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EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

The North Star represents navigational guidance. The delta represents air traffic control services, while the lightning bolts represent MAC/SAC/AFCC communications. Alternating orange and white blocks represent maintenance support. The mobile antenna represents mobile communications and contingency communications support. The bridge represents the Golden Gate Bridge denoting the location of the 1901st Communications Group support. The blue background represents the Air Force.

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OPERATIONS

In addition to Hammer Ace, the command deployed 52 members of the 2d, 3d, and 5th Combat Communications Groups to support rescue operations. The 2d 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. At the direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the 3d provided satellite communications to the Airlift Control Center and intrabase radios at Point Salines Airport. Later the 2d deployed a TACAN and a mobile control tower to Point Salines for additional air traffic control support. The contingency communications elements of the 1998th Communications Group, McGuire AFB, New Jersey, and the 1901st Communications Group, Travis AFB, California, also deployed in support of the Military Airlift Command which transported troops and materiel to Grenada. Both units set up secure communications networks within hours after the first American forces landed on the island. AFCC personnel provided communications support in Grenada for the remainder of 1983.

Turmoil in troubled Central America also drew the United States' attention during the 1980s. To meet military commitments, including Army, Navy, and Marine exercises and deployments in this unstable and potentially dangerous arena, AFCC deployed teams from the 2d, 3d, and 5th Combat Communications Groups. The first teams went into the area in November 1981 and over the next five years provided a variety of radar, navigational aids, and weather support at various locations in Honduras and El Salvador. Aircraft from the 1866th Facility Checking Squadron periodically insured that the deployed navigational aids were operating correctly.

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