

2187 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP



MISSION

The mission of the 2187 was to provide radio and telephone communications in support of USAFE.

LINEAGE

1287 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron, Aviano #1 Airfield designated and organized, 18 Feb 1956

Redesignated 2187 Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961

Redesignated 2187 Communications Group, 1 Jan 1973

Redesignated 2187 Information Systems Group, 1 Oct 1984

Redesignated HQ 2187 Communications Group, 1 Nov 1986

STATIONS

Aviano AB, Italy

ASSIGNMENTS

1815 Airways and Air Communications Service Group (later Mediterranean AACS Region) Central European (CENEUR) AACS Region, (later Central European Communications Region), 18 Dec 1959

Spanish Communications Region, 1 Jan 1969

Mediterranean Communications Region, 1 Jan 1971

HQ European Communications Area (later, European Communications Division; European Information Systems Division), 30 Jun 1972

1989 Information Systems, 1 Jul 1986

COMMANDERS

Capt John J. Peri, 18 Feb 1986

Maj James W. Russell, Jr., Dec 1956
Lt Col Arnold M. Stenmark, 1 Jun 1964
Capt Robert H. Epperson, 2 Jul 1965
Maj Thomas S. Brown, 4 Mar 1967
Maj Robert L. McMullin, Nov 1968
Lt Col Gomer W. Cockran, Jul 1972
Col Hollis O. Hall, 29 May 1973
Col Jack C. Reedy, 13 Jul 1974
Col John M. Sedano, 9 Jul 1976
Col Glenn G. Giddings, Jr., 7 Aug 1978
Col Victor S. Stachelczyk, 29 Jun 1979
Lt Col John R. Macy, 29 Jul 1985
Col Paul S. Bolen, 24 Jun 1988

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Jan 1976-31 Dec 1976

EMBLEM

The mailed fist and electronic flashes represent the Air Force commander's use of communications to exercise command and control of aerospace power in the defense of freedom. The North Star represents the air traffic services support provided to aerospace forces. The NATO star represents command and control communications provided to United States Air Forces in Europe when under NATO operational control. The chain represents long-line communications links forged in the fires of freedom.

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

On July 1 1970, the 2189th Communications Sq at Camp Darby, Italy, and the 2187th CS at Aviano Air Base will merge. The 2187th CS will remain at Aviano and will, after the merger, become one of the largest AFCS squadrons in Europe, with a complement of 550 personnel. To the 2187th's 15 operating locations will be added the five detachments and one operating location of the 2189th in southern Italy. The detachments are the following:

Mount Vergine
Martina Franca
Mount Nardello
Mount Limbara
San Vito

The operating location is located at Ciampino Airport in Rome.

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Sources

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Major Command history. *A Salute to Air Force Communications Command Leaders and Lineage*. Office of Air Force Communications Command History. Scott AFB, IL. 1 Oct 1990.