

222nd COMMUNICATIONS MAINTENANCE FLIGHT

MISSION

222 Communications Maintenance Flight Mission Provide communications operations and maintenance support for the Global Hawk Weapons System

LINEAGE

222nd Communications Maintenance Flight

STATIONS

Costa Mesa ANGS, CA

Beale AFB, CA, 1 Apr 2008

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Team Beale's high altitude intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission gained three new California Air National Guard units in a ceremony at the Community Center on 1 Apr. The ceremony officiated the re-designation of the 222nd Intelligence Support Squadron and the stand-up of the 222nd Operational Support Squadron and 222nd Communications Maintenance Flight. Present at the ceremony were Maj. Gen. Dennis Lucas, California Air National Guard commander, BG Mary Kight, California National Guard assistant adjutant general, BG H. D. Polumbo Jr., 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander, Col. Albert Reif, 940th Air Refueling Wing commander and Col Steven Beck, 162nd Combat Communications Group commander. During the ceremony, General Lucas addressed the assembly, commenting on how the move of the 222 to Beale is part of a larger plan of California Air National Guard integrating with active-duty Air Force and moving away from older missions "This is a culmination of over five years of work," said General Lucas. "The initiative for the 222 that we're celebrating today started in September of 2002 as part of our Total Force integration plan. Our goal was to re-roll existing manpower forces in the California Air National Guard from legacy missions into more relevant missions that the Air Force needs today." Chief Master Sgt. Eric Rivera, 222 ISS superintendent, said the 222 ISS and 222 OSS will work primarily with the 548th Intelligence Group, while the 222 Communications Maintenance Flight will work with the 9th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 12 Aircraft Maintenance Unit. According to Maj. Kerry Adams, 222 ISS director of operations, the majority of 222nd ISS Airmen are in communications career fields, while the 222 OSS Airmen are primarily intelligence fields and the 222nd Communications Maintenance Flight Airmen are radio maintenance. Chief Rivera said the new mission is positive for both the guard and active duty. "It's yet another good change for the California Air Guard because we're going to gain another relevant mission," Chief Rivera said. "We're bringing skill sets that we already have into another weapons system." "When we were combat comm., that mission was built around mostly training to support the warfighter in a tactical environment, should the need arise," the Maj. Adams said. "Only on rare occasions were we doing something actively. Here, we're doing it every day. We're working alongside active duty with [on-the-job training] taking place in real time on real missions." Echoing General Lucas's earlier comments, the chief said he is looking forward to working on the growing Global Hawk mission. "Global Hawk is a growing mission in the Air Force, and we are excited to be here taking part in it as it continues to develop and unfold," the chief said. "We're sharing another accomplishment between ourselves, the California National Guard and Team Beale," said General Kight. "As demonstrated here today, the California National Guard continues to expand its capability. We have a solid relationship here with Team Beale. We anticipate these reactivations will provide huge dividends for the Air Force, the National Guard and the state of California."

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