

239th COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

The unit's federal mission is to plan, deploy, activate, operate and maintain a complete communications in a field combat environment, thus, provide the essential command and control for the operation of a wing-size flying unit on a forward air base. The state mission of the unit is to install, operate and maintain communications as requested for disasters, catastrophes, or emergencies declared by the Governor of Missouri. To meet the challenges presented by the mission statements, the unit conducts extensive training in-house and with outside units. The unit's history is honorable. Missions have been accomplished as directed, and with excellent results. Equipment has been upgraded and expanded over the years. Training and proficiency levels have been elevated in order to maintain the highest possible technical competence required to operate today's complex systems.

LINEAGE

239th Mobile Communications Flight
Redesignated 239th Combat Communications Squadron
Redesignated 239th Combat Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1985
Redesignated 239th Combat Communications Squadron

STATIONS

Bridgeton, Missouri

ASSIGNMENTS

251st Combat Communications Group

COMMANDERS

Maj Robert J. Toolen, #1973
Col Bob Lienemann

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, a representation of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, arraswise garnished Argent, suspended within the arch a web of the like displaying a spider bendwise in sinister base Gules membered Sable and radiating from its head three lightning bolts toward the center Or, all within a diminished border Black. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "239 COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQ" in Black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, represents the location of the unit. The web is symbolic of the "communications net" throughout the world. The spider and its lightning bolts allude to the unit's ability to quickly find and engage targets.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 239th Combat Communications Squadron was activated in 1953 as Mobile Communications Flight. It was originally located at Jefferson Barracks. Several years later it transferred to its present location at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, St. Louis, Missouri. The 241st Air Traffic Control Flight originated at Lambert-St. Louis in December, 1970. In October of 1982, the 239th and the 241st combined to form the 239th Combat Communications Squadron. In March 1997 the Air Traffic Control section was reactivated as the 241st and started up operations at St. Joseph, Mo. On December 6th, 1998, Maj. Mitchell Miller assumed command of the 239th, succeeding Lieutenant Colonel Frank Bianca who had served for four years as commander. The 239th CCS currently has 125 personnel assigned.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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