

253rd COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP



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Redesignated 253rd Combat Communications Group

Redesignated 253rd Combat Information Systems Group, 1 Jul 1985

STATIONS

Wellesley, MA

Otis ANGB, Massachusetts

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col. Donald Mofford

LTC Arthur Wunder Oct. 3 2009

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

Group Headquarters provides planning, engineering, command level coordination, and process approval to train, advise, and direct combat ready units of citizen soldiers providing tactical communications and air traffic services for total force integration. Secondly, to provide a ready militia for protecting life and property; preserving peace, order, and public safety; plus serve actively within our local communities. Federal Mission: The mission of the Headquarters 253rd Combat Communications Group is to train people and be ready to deploy anywhere in the world on very short notice and provide quality communications and air traffic control services in support of Air Force requirements and other contingencies. Upon mobilization, Air Combat Command (ACC) will assume operational command of the 253CCG and direct deployment of the Group Headquarters and its assigned subordinate units. State Mission: The 253 Combat Communications Group's State mission is to provide forces to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for use during local or statewide disasters or emergencies for protecting life and property, and to preserve peace, order, and public safety.

In recent years, the Group Headquarters spearheaded the employment of newly acquired digital communications equipment (Theater Deployable Communications) designed to provide the customer (the flying commander) with high quality and more reliable communications. Through extensive operational training programs, all units have been working towards using the new equipment and technology.

In simplified terms, the 253CCG and its assigned units serve as the "AT&T", "FAA" and the "local internet provider" of the Air Force. Our units provide a full range of communications services and air traffic control services to deployed flying units, normally for Wing or Squadron

level flying units for Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command. From hand held satellite transceivers to multichannel, 20 foot dish satellite terminals, from portable high frequency radios to radios powerful enough to talk halfway around the world, the communications units managed by the 253CCG can meet all the needs of a flying unit commander for communication services, both classified and non-classified.

HQ 253CCG is located at Otis ANGB, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The unit relocated from Wellesley, MA to Otis ANGB in 1996 due to mission and equipment changes. The Group Headquarters mission is to provide training supervision to six subordinate units located in four states and the District of Columbia. Upon mobilization, the 253CCG assumes a broader mission. This mission is to command and administer assigned units, ensuring their readiness to deploy worldwide and provide communications systems and terminal air traffic control services in support of tactical air forces and USAF contingency operations.

A recently released message from Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt, director of the Air National Guard, it was announced that the 253rd Combat Communications Group and the 267th Combat Communications Squadron were two of 36 Air National Guard units selected to receive the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA) for 2008. The award nomination package for the 253rd CCG covered a wide range of distinguished accomplishments, showing how much the unit has contributed to the National Guard's mission and its ability to continue defending America. The accomplishments ranged from taking a lead role in several exercises across the state and country, to developing and revising current communications procedures, to supporting real world war efforts. An example of this is when the 253rd CCG deployed personnel to Operation Iraqi Freedom. While deployed, they supported more than 1,500 Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force members in remote areas with critical communications and other services. Airmen who were assigned or attached to the 253rd or 267th any time between Nov. 1, 2006, and Oct. 31, 2008, are authorized to wear the award. This marks the fourth time since 1977 that the 253rd has received this distinction. 2009

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