

256th INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

256th Mobile Communications Squadron (Air Force Component Command Post) constituted and allocated to Air National Guard, 22 Feb 1971

Activated, 19 Jun 1971

Redesignated 256th Mobile Communications Squadron (Air Force Component Headquarters), 15 Nov 1972

Redesignated 256th Combat Communications Squadron, 1 Apr 1976

Redesignated 256th Combat Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1985

Redesignated 256th Combat Communications Squadron, 1 Oct 1986

Redesignated 256th Intelligence Squadron, 2013

STATIONS

Paine Field, Everett, WA, 1971

Camp Murray, Tacoma, WA, 1976

Four Lakes Communications Station, Cheney, WA, 1996

Fairchild AFB, WA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan 1974-31 Dec 1975

1 Jan 1983-31 Aug 1984

1 Jan 1987-30 Dec 1988

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OPERATIONS

The 256 CBCS was activated at the Four Lakes Communications Station on February 1, 1996 as part of the 252nd Combat Communications Group. Initially located at Camp Murray in Tacoma Washington, the 256 CBCS replaced the 105th Air Control Squadron at Four Lakes. The present site was developed in 1955 by the US Army as a Nike missile battery.

The 256th Mobile Communications Squadron was Federally recognized on 17 June 1971. At that time the strength of the unit was 54 Officers and men. Subsequently the 256 has participated in three Annual Field Training encampments including WESTACS II. In addition to its mission equipment, the unit operates a DCS entry terminal for the group headquarters. Temporarily located at Paine Field ANG Station, Everett, Washington, the unit has a current strength of 12 Officers and 182 Enlisted Personnel, including thirteen WAFS.

MISSION: The mission of the 256 Mobile Communications Squadron (AFCH) is to train for maximum capability to support Air Force Communications systems operations. If called to support an Air Force Operation they would be required to install, operate and maintain mobile radio communications centers which perform major relay functions for mobile radio tributary terminals and other major relay stations. This includes supplying telephone, teletype and radio communications, They would also be responsible for the installation and operation of equipment necessary to support the Air Force Component Headquarters (AFCH).

The 256 Mobile Communications Squadron (AFCH) has a total of 267 personnel authorized, These include 14 Officers and 253 Enlisted personnel. There are presently 11 Officers and 170 Airmen assigned to the unit.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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