

265th COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

265th Communications Squadron (Operations) activated, 1 Jul 1953

Redesignated 265th Radio Relay Squadron, 1 Oct 1960

Redesignated 265th Mobile Communications Squadron (Contingency), 16 Mar 1968

Redesignated 265th Combat Communications Squadron (Contingency), 1 Apr 1976

Redesignated 265th Combat Information Systems Squadron (Contingency), 1 Jul 1985

Redesignated 265th Combat Communications Squadron, 1 Oct 1986

STATIONS

Fort Preble, ME

Fort Williams, Cape Elizabeth, ME, 1 Oct 1960

South Portland, ME, Jun 1964

ASSIGNMENTS

253rd Combat Communications Group

COMMANDERS

Maj Alfred P. Mallet

LTC Robert D. Edwards, #1987

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

EMBLEM



MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

On 1 July 1953, the 265th Communications Squadron (Operations) was activated and stationed at Fort Preble. The 265th underwent several reorganizations. On 1 October 1960, it became the 265th Radio Relay Squadron and moved from Fort Preble to Fort Williams, Cape Elizabeth, Maine. The Squadron moved to the newly constructed facility at 50 Western Avenue, South Portland, Maine in June of 1964. On 16 March 1968, the unit became the 265th Mobile Communications Squadron (Contingency), and on 1 April 1976, the 265th Combat Communications Squadron (Contingency). On 1 July 1985, the unit changed to the 265th Combat Information Systems Squadron (Contingency) and finally on 1 October 1986, it became the 265th Combat Communications Squadron.

The 265th has deployed people and equipment to other states, including: California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin; and to other countries including: Colombia, England, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Italy, Korea, Oman, Panama, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey. These deployments supported Group-wide annual field training, major Air Force exercises, DEA counter drug operations, and multi-force U.S. and NATO exercises.

1988: The 265th Combat Communications Squadron, South Portland, Maine adds Air Traffic Control to its current mission.

1990: The first person is enlisted to support this new mission. (MSgt Dan Ireland). The first

piece of ATC equipment is delivered; the AN/TRN-26 Tactical Air Navigation System (TACAN).

1993: The next major piece of ATC equipment is received; the AN/MPN-14K Landing Control Central Radar.

1997: The ATC portion of the 265th CBCS is presidentially activated to support Operation Joint Guard and unit members are sent to Hungary for four months.

Orders redesignating the squadron from CBCS to CBIS does not mention (Contingency) in the designation.

The 265th CBCS provides mobile/transportable communications packages complete with all personnel and support equipment in support of Air Force flying operations on a world-wide basis. The 265th responds to contingency requirements with individual packages, combinations of packages or communications systems

Located in South Portland, Maine, the 265th Combat Communications Squadron is part of the theater deployable communications community. The 265th CBCS employes a variety of the latest commercial communication and computer technologies.

The 265th Combat Communications Squadron, Maine ANG, deployed seventeen personnel to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana to provide communications support for hurricane relief operations. 27 Sep 2005

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