

# 123<sup>rd</sup> COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT



## **LINEAGE**

123<sup>rd</sup> Information Systems Flight  
123<sup>rd</sup> Communications Flight

## **STATIONS**

Louisville, KY

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj James C. Burckell, #1986  
Maj Norris C. Delph  
Major Mary A. McCallie

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 Jan 1983-31 Dec 1984

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, a mullet Argent charged with a fleur-de-lis Gules fimbriated Or, radiating five lightning bolts from its inside angles of the like, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "123 COMMUNICATIONS FLT" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "PRACTICE MAKES READY" in Yellow letters.

## **EMBLEM 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 star, a symbol of the Air Force, depicts the unit's goal of perfection for combat readiness. The fleur-de-lis represents the city of Louisville, Kentucky, home base of the unit. The five lightning bolts represent the unit's worldwide communications capabilities and the Squadron's five branches - Administration, Plans & Programs, Visual Information, Maintenance and Support.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Participated in Coronet Bishop; Derby King 83-1 and 84-1;

As the Kentucky Air Guard turned the corner of a new decade there were many tasks to perform. The Communications Flight made its project replacing the old manual switchboard at Shewmaker with a new automatic one operated by a dial. The 165th Weather Flight went back to work early, as usual, but without their commander, Lt Col Mansfield, who did not arrive back at Louisville until January. He had been serving out a tour of duty in Thailand.

Training programs of the Communications Flight were successful enough to rate first in its Southern Communications Area for the first quarter of the year. The unit was led by Lt Col Norris C. Delph.

The 123d Communications Flight's communications center won a "Tributary Award" this year for handling more than 8700 messages without error. At the same time the COM Flight was rated C-1 for the third consecutive year!

The Weather Flight and COM Flight continued to blaze a trail by their performances. The COM Flight, rated C-1 for more than three years, led by Lt Col Winfred Appleby and Lt Col Norris Delph, continued its effective recruitment and training programs. The Weather Flight presided over by Maj Donald Engleman, aces its MEI by MAC during April and kept its C-1 rating going. During their annual inspection in February, the COM Flight did not receive a single discrepancy.

123 CF Operational Readiness Exercise Mar (05) 2 Gulfport CRTC

123 CF Inspector General Exer (IGX) 05-03B May (05) 2 Gulfport CRTC



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Air Force Order of Battle

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