

175 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

175 Communications Squadron Provides professional and reliable communications capabilities in support of the 175th Wing, the state and nation, including radios, computers, printers, telephones and wireless services, in garrison and deployed. Officers: 3 Enlisted: 59

LINEAGE

175 Communications Flight
175 Communications Squadron

STATIONS

Warfield Air National Guard Base, Middle River, MD

ASSIGNMENTS

175 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

Maj Jody Jondo
Maj John Brailsford, #1991
Maj Ronald Ragsdale
Maj Ralph Briedenthal
Maj William Simpson
LTC Brian Sproul

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The unit, manned over 90 strong, was originally established on June 8, 1966 to support the flying unit. Its early responsibilities included operating the Communications Center with bulky paper tape punches and IBM Card Readers, running the base switchboard and the repair of telephones and radios. During the eighties, comm expanded to include all data processing activities, thus being in the primary position for ushering in the computer age. With the emergence and wide spread use of personal computers, e-mail and the Internet, comm's role has become more critical than ever. Members have supported NATO operations in Europe, played the role of peacekeepers in Southwest Asia and have made a number of international trips in support of the regular Air Force's communication needs.

The 175 Communications Flight worked around the world with the highlights of the decade being trips to Leipheim Air Base, Germany in 1986 and Myrtle Beach in 1987.

The 175 Communications Squadron was extremely busy during 2009. The unit provided support to the Presidential Inauguration, carried out a video security system upgrade, installed new underground copper cable, upgraded the operations voice recorder, installed a radio tower and ground-to-air radio site, and completed installation of fiber optic cable for circuit upgrade.

USAF Unit Histories

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