

# 211<sup>th</sup> RESCUE SQUADRON



## **LINEAGE**

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## **STATIONS**

Kulis ANGB, Anchorage, AK  
Elmendorf AFB, AK

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

HC-130N

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS**

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES**

## **UNIT COLORS**

## **COMMANDERS**

LTC Peter Katinszky  
LTC Donald Keese

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 211<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron is one of three flying squadrons that work together to execute the 176<sup>th</sup> Wing's search-and-rescue missions.

The 211 RQS operates four HC-130s. One of its major upgrades is the ability to refuel other aircraft in mid-air; this allows the HH-60s of the 211th's sister squadron, the 210 RQS, to function over a greatly extended range. It is also equipped with a suite of components radar and night-vision goggles, for example that allow it to function effectively at night and in poor weather.

In 2004, the 210<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron divided into the 210<sup>th</sup>, 211<sup>th</sup> and 212<sup>th</sup> rescue squadrons.

When in a theater of combat, squadron members operate at the direction of the overall theater combatant commander and the theater's commander of air forces. In these situations, the 211<sup>th</sup> is primarily assigned to conduct personnel recovery operations -- rescuing downed airmen or other isolated personnel from enemy territory, for example. In addition to combat search-and-rescue missions like these, the 211<sup>th</sup> may also conduct collateral missions: noncombatant evacuation operations, inter- and intra-theater airlift, and support of special operations forces, for example.

Back at home, the 211<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron is part of a network of search-and-rescue organizations that save hundreds of lives in and around Alaska every year. This network includes not only the 211<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron's sister squadrons in the 176<sup>th</sup> Wing, but also such agencies as the U.S. Coast Guard, the Alaska State Troopers, the National Park Service, the Civil Air Patrol and others. Other 211<sup>th</sup> missions include non-combat search and rescue, emergency aeromedical evacuations, humanitarian relief, international aid, counter-drug activities, and support for NASA flight operations.

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