

222nd INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



LINEAGE

222nd Radio Relay Detachment

Redesignated 222nd Mobile Communications Squadron (Contingency), 1968

Redesignated 222nd Combat Communications Squadron (Contingency), 1976

Redesignated 222nd Combat Communications Squadron

Redesignated 222nd Combat Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1985

Redesignated 222nd Intelligence Support Squadron, 1 April 2008

STATIONS

Oklahoma City, OK, May 1950

Compton ANGS, CA, 1952

Santa Ana, CA, 1956

Lighter Than Air facility, Santa Ana (Tustin MCAS), CA, 1961

Costa Mesa ANGS, CA, 1964

Beale AFB, CA

ASSIGNMENTS

148th AC&W Squadron

252nd Combat Communications Group

162nd Communications Group, 23 Sep 1960

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Outstanding Unit Award in 1969, 1979, 1982, 1985, and 1997

On 21 Jul 1972, the 222nd was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award as part of the 162nd Combat Communications Group, covering the period from 1 Jan 1968 to 31 Jan 1969.

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

A snarling hairy bear standing on a hill with a communications satellite and the California star overhead identifies members of the 222nd Combat Communication Squadron. The bear represents the squadron, "rough and ready", and is similar to the symbol on the California State Flag.

United Features Syndicate Inc. which owns the rights to the "Tumbleweed" Comic strip, approved the use of the cartoonist T.K. Ryan's bear by the squadron, as long as the use was restricted and someone didn't market it on items such as cups and T-shirts.

The original logo included the AN/TRC-24 antenna, which the squadron used in the late 1970s. The current logo depicts a modern communications satellite, which is used during satellite communications.

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OPERATIONS

222 Intelligence Support Squadron

- Mission – Support the Distributed Ground Station 2 (DGS-2) mission in association with the 548 ISR Group
 - Communications Operations and Maintenance
 - Logistics Support
 - Mission Support functions
- Location – Beale AFB
- Command – AFISRA

The 222nd began as the 222nd Radio Relay Detachment attached to the 148th ACW Squadron, Compton Air National Guard Station (ANGS). In May 1950 during the Korean Conflict, the entire squadron was mobilized and sent to a radar installation at Oklahoma City, OK. The unit remained there on active duty for 21 months.

After returning from Oklahoma City, the unit became a tenant on Compton ANGS and was assigned to the 252nd Combat Communications Group located in the state of Washington. The 222nd Radio Relay Squadron received its initial Federal Recognition on 5 Jan 1953.

In 1956, the unit was transferred to Santa Ana (1020 West Eight Street) and conducted operations in a renovated dining hall. On 23 Sep 1960, the unit was reorganized and assigned to the 162nd Communications Group. The following year the squadron moved to the Lighter Than Air facility at Santa Ana (Tustin MCAS). The unit moved to the newly constructed Costa Mesa Air National Guard Station in 1964.

Unit members mobilized individually in Support of DESERT SHIELD in Aug 1990 and Operation DESERT STORM in Jan 1991. They have also deployed in support of numerous operations and exercises including Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and DENY FLIGHT and Exercises TACTICAL FIGHTER WEAPONRY, AGILE PROVIDER and TEAM SPIRIT.

In Mar and Aug 1996, the unit airlifted equipment pieces and personnel to locations in Florida and South Korea to support the Marine Component Headquarters deployed during Exercises INTERNAL LOOK and ULCHI FOCUS LENS. In 1998, and 1999 the unit again deployed equipment and personnel to the Republic of South Korea in support of ULCHI FOCUS LENS.

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