

# 254<sup>th</sup> COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP



## LINEAGE

254th Mobile Communications Group, Activated, Jun 1971  
Redesignated 254<sup>th</sup> Combat Information Systems Group, 1 Jul 1985  
Redesignated 254<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Group, October 1986

## STATIONS

Garland ANGS, Texas

## ASSIGNMENTS

### COMMANDERS

Col Cecil I. Grimes, Jun 1971  
LTC Douglas A Lord, Apr 1972  
LTC George Sharp, Mar 1973  
Col Louis A. Howard, Mar 1974  
LTC Charles P. Kieser, Aug 1982  
Col Galen M. Lambert, Jul 1983  
Col Fred E. Ellis, Sep 1985  
Col Allen R. Dehnert, Sep 1995  
Col Robert E. Horstman, Nov 1999  
Col Tony Buntyn, Nov 2000  
Col Will Allen, Dec 2007  
Colonel Kevin A. Turnbo

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### Decorations

Awards Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
1971

2006  
2008

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

**Mission Federal Mission** The 254th Combat Communications Group provides a full spectrum of communications capabilities to include planning, engineering, command level coordination, and a wide array of tactical communications solutions to the combatant command or joint task force. The 254th also provides command oversight and leadership to six aligned units spanning three states. Upon mobilization, Air Combat Command (ACC) will assume operational command of the 254th CCG and direct deployment of the Group. **State Mission** The 254th Combat Communications Group's state mission is to provide ready forces to the state of Texas during local or statewide emergencies to protect life and property, and to preserve peace, order, and public safety. The 254th Combat Communications Group also provides the Adjutant General with voice and data.

It has also traveled to Europe, including Spain, England, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Greece and Turkey. Twice the Group provided communications in Korea. An impressive record of achievements was completed by the 254th throughout the years. It was the first Air National Guard organization tasked to be the lead combat communications unit in a Joint Chief of Staff-directed exercise- BRAVE SHIELD 12 - and, in 1979 became the first ANG unit deployed to the European theater to provide communications support for a NATO series of exercises. In addition, the units of the 254th have provided technical expertise to their active duty counterparts during the developing and testing of the Joint Automated Message Processing System (JAMPS).

1980-Supported Mt St Helens disaster relief. 200 group members provided 24 hour around the clock communications support for rescue operations. For a week and a half. Set up a dedicated communications system supporting statewide search and rescue operations

1986-1989 Team Spirit  
1986-1989 Centre Vigilance  
1986-1987 Brim Frost, Norad Exercise  
1986-1988 Red Flag  
1987-1989 Combat Challenge  
1988 Brave Shield  
1988 Gallant Eagle  
1991 Desert Shield and Storm

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