

261st CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

The mission of the 261st Cyberspace Operations Squadron is to provide Cyber mission assurance and threat mitigation support to the United States Critical Infrastructure Key Resources, while support domestic operations for the State of California.

LINEAGE

96th Signal Company, Service Group constituted, 28 Dec 1942

Activated, 1 Jan 1943

Redesignated 1096th. Signal Company, Service Group, 27 Oct 1943

Inactivated, 25 Mar 1946

Redesignated 111th Signal Light Construction Company and allotted to the National Guard, 24 May 1946

Designation revoked and changed to 611th Signal Light Construction Company

Activated, 15 Aug 1948

Federal recognition extended, 27 Sep 1948

Redesignated 261st Communications Squadron, Operations, 1 Jul 1952

Redesignated 261st Radio Relay Squadron, 23 Sep 1960

Redesignated 261st Mobile Communications Squadron, 15 Mar 1968

Redesignated 261st Combat Communications Squadron, 24 Mar 1976

Redesignated 261st Combat Information Systems Squadron, 15 Oct 1984

Redesignated 261st Combat Communications Squadron, 1 Oct 1986

Redesignated 261st Information Systems Squadron

Redesignated 261st Network Operations Squadron, 2014

Redesignated 261st Cyberspace Operations Squadron, 1 Sep 2015

STATIONS

Reno AAB, NV, 1 January 1943
Muroc AAB, CA, 1943
Great Falls AAB, MT, 1943
Nadzab, New Guinea, 1943
Leyte, Philippines, 1944
Clark Air Base, Luzon, Philippines, 1945
Ie Shima, Ryuk Islands, 1945
Machinato, Okinawa, 1945
Tachikawa Air Base, Japan,
Camp Kohler, CA, 15 May 1948
Alameda Air National Guard Base, CA, 1951
Hayward, CA, Jan 1953
Van Nuys Air National Guard Base, CA, Jul 1953
Sepulveda Air National Guard Base, CA, 1 Aug 1973
Van Nuys Air National Guard Station,

ASSIGNMENTS

Unknown, 1 Jan 1943 – 25 Mar 1946
61st Fighter Wing, 15 Aug 1948
161st Aircraft Control and Warning Group, 1 Oct 1950
252nd Communications Group, 1 Jul 1952
162nd Communications Group (later 162nd Mobile Communications Group, 162nd Combat
Communications Group, 162nd Combat Information Systems Group, 162nd Combat
Communications Group)
195th Operations Group, 1 Sep 2015

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



On a disc Sable, a grizzly bear in transaspect Proper, dented and clawed Argent, grasping in dexter paw a lightning flash Or, sinister paw placed on a demi-globe emitting from base Azure, land masses Vert, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "NO LIMITATION ON COMMUNICATION" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "261ST COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQ" in Black letters. **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 grizzly bear represents boldness, courage and the proud heritage and traditions of the unit. The lightning flash alludes to the electrons in modern communications. The globe symbolizes the unit's worldwide and space-based communications mission.

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OPERATIONS

The Los Angeles area is a "hotbed of cybertech," says Col. Stephen Beck, commander of the California Air Guard's 162nd Combat Communications Group. The group's new 261st Information Operations Squadron is based in Van Nuys, just north of L.A. In addition to numerous high-tech companies, many with ties to the military, the area has "tons of universities and two dozen cyber-research centers, all within an hour or two drive," Beck says.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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