

272nd COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



LINEAGE

272 Combat Communications Squadron, Aug 1987

Inactivated, 5 Apr 2008

STATIONS

Portland, OR

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Alan D. Stollar, #1991

LTC Mark Crosby

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

AFOUA 1 Jan 1987-30 Dec 1988

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

1 Apr 1976 federal recognition was awarded to the 244 Combat Communications Flight This was an exciting time for many new members and for the 153 TCG personnel who were absorbed into the new unit. Four months later we were 60 percent manned and had 50 percent of our equipment In October we successfully accomplished our first deployed operational tasking from our group headquarters, the 252 Combat Communications Group. This tasking included completing a communications link using mobile microwave equipment

The first of our many Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) exercises occurred in December of that first year. We deployed to "Jack Frost" in Alaska, since then we have deployed in the continental United States to Texas, New Mexico, California, Nevada, Utah and Washington. We have participated in overseas deployments to Korea, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Italy, Germany, Denmark, Norway and the Philippines. Our support of JCS exercises in the United States and overseas has provided an invaluable tool in training our members and developing the "can do" attitude and professionalism that allows this unit to excel in accomplishing every mission.

We quickly acquired our state mission when we deployed on our first forest fire in August 1976. We are recognized by the United States Forest Service as a valuable resource and have supported fire suppression operations by providing needed communications and transportation for more than a dozen major fires in Oregon. In Aug 1987 the unit was redesignated the 272 Combat Communications Squadron. In March 1988 we had a substantial change in mission. This change involved the TSC107 Quick Reaction Package (QRP). The QRP is capable of HF, UHF, and VHF radio operations and secure voice and teletype communications. It can be In place and operational in minimal time. Shortly after the mission change, we deployed for an Operational Readiness Inspection (OKI). The 272d became the first unit to receive an outstanding rating in all areas. There were no deficiencies noted by the Inspectors.

Since then we have additionally received the TRN-26 TACAN used for tactical aircraft navigation. In July 1989 we hired the first air traffic controller for the new air traffic control mission, the first in the state. Unlike the 116TCS and the 104 TCS, which provides tactical intercept control to aircraft the 272 CCSQ will provide airfield control of military aircraft at forward operating locations.

2005 2 Sep

Twelve members of the 272^d Engineering & Installation Squadron, Texas ANG, deployed in SAD to New Orleans to provide support for hurricane relief efforts.¹²⁹

5 Sep

Forty-eight Oregon ANG personnel assigned to the 272nd Combat Communications Squadron, 116th Air Control Squadron, 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron, and the 125th Special Tactics Squadron deployed in SAD to NAS New Orleans to help provide a variety of communications capability for the city.

Air Force Order of Battle

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