

1962 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

170 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated, 14 May 1948
Organized, 1 Jun 1948
Redesignated 1962 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron, 1 Oct 1948
Redesignated 1962 Airways and Air Communications Service Group
Redesignated HQ 1962 Airways and Air Communications Service Group, 18 Sep 1959
Redesignated 1962 Communications Group, 1 Jul 1961
Redesignated 1962 Communications Squadron, 15 Jan 1975
Redesignated 1962 Communications Group, 28 Feb 1977
Redesignated 1962 Information Systems Group, 1 Aug 1984
Redesignated 1962 Communications Group, 1 Nov 1986

STATIONS

Yontan Field (later, Yontan Aux AB), Okinawa
Kadena AB, Okinawa (later, Kadena AB, Japan), 18 Feb 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

72 Airways and Air Communications Service Group (later, 1811th AACS Group), 1 Jun 1948
1809 Airways and Air Communications Service Group (later, Far East Airways and Air Communications Service Region), 1 Nov 1954
Pacific Communications Area, 1 Jul 1972
1956 Communications Group, 15 Jan 1975
Pacific Communications Area (later, Pacific Communications Division; Pacific Information Systems Division; Pacific Communications Division), 28 Feb 1977

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Lawson P. Wynne, 1 Jul 1961
Col James L. Caselli, 1962
Lt Col Lawrence J. Cahill, 4 Dec 1964
Lt Col Joseph Harkiewicz (Interim), 1965
Col Alden L. Van Buskirk, 2 Feb 1965
Col Cecil D. Miller, 23 Feb 1966
Col Eugene J. McElroy, 10 Feb 1968
Lt Col William G. Kelley, Jr., 13 Jul 1970
Col Joe H. Johnson, 14 Oct 1970
Col Forest E. Baker, 19 Jul 1972
Col Gomer W. Cochran, 11 Jul 1974
Lt Col Joseph M. Haber, 2 Aug 1975
Col Raymond J. Curtis, 23 Jul 1977
Col Robert G. Smith, 29 May 1980
Col Bruce S. Pratt, 14 Feb 1984
Col William E. Alt, 24 May 1986
Lt Col Grant V. Hagge, 14 May 1988
Col James D. Jones, Jr., 15 Jun 1988

HONORS

Service Streamers

Korean Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Aug 1964-5 Jun 1965

1 Jan 1969-31 Dec 1969

1 Oct 1972-31 Dec 1973

1 Jan 1976-28 Feb 1977

Republic of Vietnam GC with Palm

1 Apr 1966-28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM

The emblem, with the Torii Gate as its central feature, symbolizes the 1962nd Communications Group's mission of providing a communications portal to the world. The lightning bolts represent the swiftness of the group's response to mission tasking, while the telephone handset is a universal representation of communications and reflects the group's mission of providing communications support and services. The control tower symbolizes the group's air traffic control responsibilities.

The predominant colors of blue and gold are Air Force colors which identify the 1962nd Communications Group as an Air Force unit.

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OPERATIONS

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