

2179 COMMUNICATIONS GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

1279 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated and organized, 1 Jun 1961
Redesignated 2179 Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961
Redesignated HQ 2179 Communications Group, 1 Jul 1974
Redesignated HQ 2179 Communications and Installation Group, 30 Jun 1977
Redesignated HQ 2179 Communications Group, 1 Jul 1980
Redesignated HQ 2179 Information Systems Group, 1 Jan 1986
Redesignated 2179 Communications Group, 1 Nov 1986

STATIONS

Patrick AFB, FL

ASSIGNMENTS

Southeastern Airways and Air Communications Service (later, Southeastern Communications)
Eastern Communications Region, 1 Jul 1963
Southern Communications Area, 1 May 1970
Continental Communications Division, 1 Jun 1981
Research and Acquisition Information Systems Division (later, Research and Acquisition
Communications Division), 1 Jan 1986

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Hubert J. Barks, 1961
Lt Col Wallace O. Nordenstrom, 1963
Lt Col Roger B. Condit Jr.
Lt Col Horace E. Moody, 1968
Maj Donald P. Blake, 1971
Lt Col Jerrell W. Brooks, 26 Jun 1973

Lt Col Lynn F. Robinson, 7 Jan 1974
Col Clarence B. Blocker, 6 Jun 1977
Lt Col Charles M. Cribbs, 15 Dec 1980
Col Roscoe M. Cougill, 12 Sep 1981
Lt Col Charles Handley, 8 Jun 1983
Lt Col Michael H. Mount, 19 Sep 1983
Col Robert G. Smith, 27 Feb 1984
Col Michael J. Hvozdovic, 14 Aug 1987

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Oct 1962-30 Nov 1962
31 Jan 1977-31 Jan 1978
1 Feb 1978-31 Jan 1980
1 Feb 1980-31 Jan 1982

EMBLEM

The black background represents the space environment in which communications satellites operate. The white star represents the "light" provided by satellites through which the group communicates, while the blue earth represents the Air Force operating domain, the global mission. The three red lightning bolts represent the "Reins of Command" through communications. The white missile with red and yellow exhaust represents the unit's support to the Air Force Eastern Test Range which makes it unique among other communications organizations

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 2179 COMS support NASA's Space Shuttle Program. The 2179th Communications Group at Patrick AFB maintained telephone circuits as well as teletype support, monitored TACAN equipment, and recorded the orbital vehicle's broadcasts. The unit also furnished telephone, teletype, and facsimile support after the landings at Edwards AFB.

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