

102nd AIR COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

102nd Air Communications Squadron

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Cpt Raymond Hale

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Service Streamers

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Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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2010 In September, the 102nd Air Communications Squadron (102nd ACOMS) completed installation on Otis Air National Guard Base of more than \$1 million worth of the latest command and control (C2) equipment and software applications as part of the new Air and Space Operations Center (AOC) weapon system. With this equipment, the 102nd Air Operations Group (102nd AOG) made monumental progress in its ability to train and deploy worldwide and took a leap toward achieving initial operational capability (IOC).

Although supremely challenging at times, 102nd ACOMS Airmen triumphed over the installation process while simultaneously maintaining the 102nd AOG's ability to conduct their real world Battle Watch mission augmenting the 608th Air and Space Operations Center (608th AOC) at Barksdale AFB, La. Now, the 102nd ACOMS will continue to maintain the new equipment as well as perform any future upgrades.

"Our role is to ensure the warfighter has technological support to complete the AOC mission, as well as provide communications expertise to the AOG's leadership," said Senior Master Sgt. Mike Walsh, 102nd ACOMS superintendent. "This was a demanding project with a steep learning curve, but my team pulled together and exceeded every expectation," said Capt. Ray Hale, 102nd ACOMS commander. Because of the 102nd ACOMS incredible effort, the 102nd AOG is now able to train and fight as an AOC using a full suite of equipment. The new equipment will also enhance the 102nd AOG's ability to provide real world support to the 608th AOC from Otis ANG Base; conducting distributed operations. "With the great work that Ray and his team have done, the Group can really accelerate our ability to support Strategic Command and Eighth Air Force's Global Strike mission," said Col. Richard Sweeten, 102nd AOG commander.

Although worldwide deployable, the 102nd AOG's primary mission focus is integrating with its active duty counterpart, the 608th AOC, in its conventional long range bomber role. With an IOC date of April 2011, the 102nd AOG must now focus its attention on training crew members and ensuring a cadre of qualified mission experts are ready for the fight. Meanwhile, 102nd ACOMS will continue to provide critical support to the AOC weapon system and 102nd AOG personnel to ensure this state of the art equipment continues to run at optimum performance.

As always, 102nd ACOMS stands true to their vision of providing a dependable, outstanding, reliable, and "always available" communications infrastructure. Senior Airman John Wong, 102nd ACOMS cyber transport systems journeyman, and Airman 1st Class Michael Servis, 102nd ACOMS cyber systems operations journeyman, assemble a cable rack used to support command and control (C2) equipment recently installed on Otis Air National Guard Base, Mass., as part of the 102nd Air Operations Group's new Air and Space Operations weapon system. The equipment installation was accomplished without interrupting on-going support of real world operations and supports the 102nd AOG's goal of attaining initial operational capability in April 2011.

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