

176 MISSION SUPPORT FLIGHT



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STATIONS

Kulis ANGB, Anchorage, AK
Elmendorf AFB, AK

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj William Waterworth
LTC Karen E. Mansfield, #2010

ONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

176 Mission Support Flight began as the Base Support Element of Communications Flight. Recognizing the need to consolidate information providing agencies, National Guard Bureau made the decision to combine the Base Support Element with the Base Administration Office and Audio Visual facility.

On 22 June 1987, under the Air National Guard Restructure Program, Mission Support Flights were established at each flying wing and group.

On 19 May 1988 the 176 Mission Support Flight was federally recognized, and what proved to be one of the most diverse support units was born.

The 176 MSF is comprised of four distinct functional areas which serve the base as a centrally managed information resource.

These areas are the Customer Support Branch, Communications Maintenance, Communications Operations, and Visual Information Branch.

The Customer Support Branch (formerly Base Administration) manages the Postal Distribution Office, Base Records Management, Master Library, Special Orders generation and the Base Reproduction Facility.

The Communications Maintenance Branch provides base-wide support in the maintenance of land mobile and fixed ground radios, cryptographic equipment, tele phone and computer installation/ repair, base cable plant and tele phone PBX system management.

Communications Operations oversees the Base Data Automation Facility and the Telecommunications Center. This section is not only tasked to provide base computer products and record telecommunications, but also provides small computer acquisition/ management, computer security, and LAN, STU-ill, and COMSEC management. This branch is one of only four in the nation that has a wartime tasking to provide the flying unit with 24 hour telecommunications capability during wartime or national emergency.

A picture can say a thousand words, and the Visual Information Branch has the requirement to produce essential information through exciting and dramatic visual media. This branch is actively engaged in video production, still photography, and management of the base closed circuit TV system and video library. In 1991, the Visual Information Branch was assigned a Combat Camera mobility mission, and is now ready to respond whenever or wherever the need arises.

The 176 Mission Support Flight has a wide variety of mission requirements, and many uniquely talented individuals who meet the challenges of an ever expanding Alaska Air Guard. Whether

it's building Command and Control consoles, installing fiber optics cables, publishing a base newspaper, or meeting the regimen and demands of a Combat Camera mission, the 40 men and women of the 176 Mission Support Flight are determined to continue leading the way in innovation and base support.

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