

201st COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

Redesignated 201st Combat Communications Squadron

Redesignated 201st Combat Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1985

STATIONS

Hilo, HI

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

March 1, 1976, the 201 Combat Communications Squadron was federally recognized and activated at Hilo under the command of Maj. David F. Howard. Maj. James Kurita took over in 1978. In 1980, Maj. Vincent Nishina assumed command.

The 201st Combat Communications Squadron relocated to the Keaukaha Military Reservation, Hilo, Hawaii. The young unit of eight air technical personnel commanded by Maj. David Howard took up "temporary" residence in some World War II buildings. The State Legislature passed bills defining the responsibility for the use of guardsmen called to state active duty, providing state tax credit for guardsmen and tuition waiver for guardsmen while attending the University of Hawaii, and made the uniform code status of military justice apply during inactive duty.

The 201st CCSQ deployed annually to the Team Spirit exercises in Korea. Learned from that experience was the fact that Korea is COLD in the winter! Unit members took the lead with off-duty help, donated money and assisted a local orphanage, beginning a tradition that continues. Congress approved \$1.2 million for constructing an automotive equipment shop and \$1.6 million for an electronics maintenance facility.

The eruption of Kilauea Volcano prompted Governor George R. Ariyoshi to place members of the 201st Combat Communications Squadron on state active duty to assist Civil Defense personnel in providing communications and other assistance in the evacuation of residents of the Kalapana area.

Groundbreaking for the new 201st CCSQ facilities were held at Keaukaha Military Reservation. Lt. Col. Howard left the 201st CCSQ for an assignment with Headquarters Air Force Communications Command. Command of the squadron was assumed by Capt. Richard Nishimura.

Maj. Nishimura, commander of 201st CCSQ, returned to civilian employment and traditional guardsman status and was replaced by Maj. William Wright from the 149th CCSQ where he served as former commander.

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