# 210<sup>th</sup> CONSOLIDATED AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



#### **MISSION**

## LINEAGE

210<sup>th</sup> Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

## **STATIONS**

Kulis ANGB, AK

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

LTC Richard A. Shaw, Jr.

**Service Streamers** 

**Campaign Streamers** 

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers** 

**Decorations** 

**EMBLEM** 

**MOTTO** 

**NICKNAME** 

**OPERATIONS** 

210 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance (CAMS) began with the activation of the 210 Air Rescue Squadron in April 1990. At that time, the maintenance function was an integral part of the Operations Squadron. By June of 1991 the maintenance side had grown to more than 100 as signed personnel and had received Federal recognition as the 210 CAMS, with Lt Col Richard A. Shaw, Jr. as its first commander.

Initially the maintenance personnel supported and trained on a UH-60A helicopter, a loaner aircraft, until the arrival of its first MH-60G Pave Hawk Helicopter on June 22, 1990. The other three helicopters arrived soon thereafter. The first of the HC-130N "tankers" arrived in December 1990. Today there are four MH-60Gs, recently redesignated HH-60Gs, and two HC-130Ns with more on the way.

210 CAMS received special recognition as the 1991 Unit of the Year at Kulis during the Awards Ceremony in February 1992. Since activation of the 210 Air Rescue Squadron, the "maintainers" have supported more than 85 Rescue Missions with 87 saves and 24 assists thus far, all with less than a one hour response and launch time during duty hours and less than three hours during non-duty hours.

Worldwide recognition was received during the Alert, Greenland Rescue efforts at Ellesmere Island, Canada in November 1991. During this mission, 210th Maintenance personnel played a key role in preparing two helicopters for shipment on a C-5 Galaxy in less than eight hours. Arriving in Greenland shortly after midnight, 210 maintenance crews worked feverishly through the night to unload and reassemble the main and tail rotors and the skis on the two HH-60's. By seven in the morning the helicopters were ready to go.

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