

# 214<sup>th</sup> ENGINEERING INSTALLATION SQUADRON



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

214<sup>th</sup> Communications Construction Squadron

Redesignated 214<sup>th</sup> Ground Electronics Engineering Installation Agency Squadron, 1 Jan 1959

Redesignated 214<sup>th</sup> Electronics Installations Squadron, Sep 1969

Redesignated 214<sup>th</sup> Engineering Installations Squadron, Sep 1975

## STATIONS

New Orleans Lakefront Airport, LA

Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, LA, Jun 1972

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

LTC Charles E. Griffin

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## EMBLEM

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

On 2 Aug 1956, two Air National Guard officers and twenty Air National Guard enlisted men who formed the 214th Communications Construction Squadron were granted Federal recognition of their squadron. The fledgling unit, located in a building at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, was coined by a young 1LT Gene H. Rogas.

On 1 Jan 1959, the 214<sup>th</sup> Communications Construction Squadron became the 214<sup>th</sup> Ground Electronics Engineering Installation Agency Squadron under the Air Force Logistics Command. GERIA was the Air Force's worldwide manager for engineering, installation and on-site maintenance of Air Force Ground Communications-Electronics Systems and facilities.

In Sep 1965, the unit was activated by the Governor of Louisiana as Hurricane Betsy devastated Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemine parishes. Members of the 214th worked at restoring communications and electrical services at Jackson Barracks (headquarters for the Louisiana National Guard) as well as assisting authorities in St. Bernard parish with evacuation of residents and guard duties.

In Sep 1969, the unit's designation was again changed from the 214<sup>th</sup> GEEIA Squadron to the 214<sup>th</sup> Electronics Installation Squadron, with no change in mission. The unit was now under the Air Force Communications Command (AFCC). In Jun 1972, the unit was relocated from the New Orleans Lakefront Airport to its present facilities at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, Louisiana. In Sep 1975, the unit's designation was changed again. The unit was now the 214<sup>th</sup> Engineering Installation Squadron, a name which better reflected the mission of the unit.

The unit's peace-time mission is to train personnel in their assigned Air Force Specialties. The wartime mission is to mobilize and deploy resources and supporting assets to accomplish the engineering, installation, reconstruction, and/or replacement of communication systems, facilities, and air traffic control and landing systems. As one of nineteen Air National Guard Engineering Installation Squadrons, the 214<sup>th</sup> EIS reports to the Engineering Installation Division located at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. EID reports to the Air Force Communications Command at Scott Air Force Base, IL.

**2005 29 Aug** The 214<sup>th</sup> Engineering & Installation Squadron, Louisiana ANG, moved all of its expensive equipment from Jackson Barracks to Hammond, Louisiana. The unit also deployed twenty-four personnel to Hammond and thirty personnel to set up communications. An additional thirty personnel deployed to NAS New Orleans to set up communications capability.

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