

## 222<sup>nd</sup> INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

222<sup>nd</sup> Intelligence Support Squadron mission to is support the Distributed Ground Station 2 (DGS-2) mission in association with the 548 ISR Group.

### LINEAGE

222<sup>nd</sup> Radio Relay Detachment

Redesignated 222<sup>nd</sup> Mobile Communications Squadron (Contingency), 1968

Redesignated 222<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron (Contingency), 1976

Redesignated 222<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron

Redesignated 222<sup>nd</sup> Combat Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1985

Redesignated 222<sup>nd</sup> Intelligence Support Squadron, 1 April 2008

### STATIONS

Oklahoma City, OK, May 1950

Compton ANGS, CA, 1952

Santa Ana, CA, 1956

Lighter Than Air facility, Santa Ana (Tustin MCAS), CA, 1961

Costa Mesa ANGS, CA, 1964

Beale AFB, CA

### ASSIGNMENTS

148<sup>th</sup> AC&W Squadron

252<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Group

162<sup>nd</sup> Communications Group, 23 Sep 1960

### COMMANDERS

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

A snarling hairy bear standing on a hill with a communications satellite and the California star overhead identifies members of the 222<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communication Squadron. The bear represents the squadron, "rough and ready", and is similar to the symbol on the California State Flag. United Features Syndicate Inc. which owns the rights to the "Tumbleweed" Comic strip, approved the use of the cartoonist T.K. Ryan's bear by the squadron, as long as the use was restricted and someone didn't market it on items such as cups and T-shirts. The original logo included the AN/TRC-24 antenna, which the squadron used in the late 1970s. The current logo depicts a modern communications satellite, which is used during satellite communications.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 222<sup>nd</sup> began as the 222<sup>nd</sup> Radio Relay Detachment attached to the 148<sup>th</sup> ACW Squadron, Compton Air National Guard Station (ANGS). In May 1950 during the Korean Conflict, the entire squadron was mobilized and sent to a radar installation at Oklahoma City, OK. The unit remained there on active duty for 21 months.

After returning from Oklahoma City, the unit became a tenant on Compton ANGS and was assigned to the 252nd Combat Communications Group located in the state of Washington. The 222<sup>nd</sup> Radio Relay Squadron received its initial Federal Recognition on 5 Jan 1953.

In 1956, the unit was transferred to Santa Ana (1020 West Eight Street) and conducted operations in a renovated dining hall. On 23 Sep 1960, the unit was reorganized and assigned to the 162<sup>nd</sup> Communications Group. The following year the squadron moved to the Lighter Than Air facility at Santa Ana (Tustin MCAS). The unit moved to the newly constructed Costa Mesa Air National Guard Station in 1964.

Unit members mobilized individually in Support of DESERT SHIELD in Aug 1990 and Operation DESERT STORM in Jan 1991. They have also deployed in support of numerous operations and exercises including Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and DENY FLIGHT and Exercises TACTICAL FIGHTER WEAPONRY, AGILE PROVIDER and TEAM SPIRIT.

In Mar and Aug 1996, the unit airlifted equipment pieces and personnel to locations in Florida and South Korea to support the Marine Component Headquarters deployed during Exercises INTERNAL LOOK and ULCHI FOCUS LENS. In 1998, and 1999 the unit again deployed equipment and personnel to the Republic of South Korea in support of ULCHI FOCUS LENS.

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