

## 282<sup>nd</sup> COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

To install, operate and maintain combat ready personnel to support the Air Force portion of the Tactical Contingency Communications Element mission.

The 282nd Combat Communications Squadron (CBCS) is responsible for the rapid deployment of an integrated force, capable of establishing initial Command and Control (C2) and ISR communications along with IO capabilities within any contingency operation to support expeditionary air and space forces. The unit is equipped with state-of-the art communications equipment and multi-skilled personnel who are both communications and functional experts with the ability to facilitate rapid deployment of scalable C2, ISR and IO. The unit will provide the "first-in" and "build-up" communications for deployed locations and will redeploy in accordance with a predetermined combat communications exit strategy.

### **LINEAGE**

Redesignated 282<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron  
Redesignated 282<sup>nd</sup> Combat Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1985  
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### **STATIONS**

N. Smithfield, Coventry, Rhode Island

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

281<sup>st</sup> Combat Communications Group

### **COMMANDERS**

Col John W. Baxter  
LTC Richard Guglilmi

Col Girard F. Nardone II  
Col Ernest R. Oliveira  
Col William Richmond  
LTC Anthony J. Fascitelli  
Col Donald M. Lagor  
LTC Christopher Hegarty  
LTC Mark McGrath  
LTC Scott Hoyle  
LTC Joseph Walsh

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 Jan 82 - 31 Dec 83  
1 Jan 85 - 31 Dec 86  
1 Jan 93 - 31 Dec 94  
1 Jan 97 - 31 Dec 98  
1 May 00 - 30 Apr 02

## **EMBLEM**

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

Blue and yellow are the colors of the Air Force. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The globe reflects the Squadron's worldwide communications capability. The arrowheads connected by the red lightning flashes suggest land based mobile communications equipment. The pole star and yellow lightning flashes encircling the globe represent the satellite links to ground based mobile units. The lightning bolts also symbolize the Squadron's quick response to contingency and special mission requirements.

The 282nd CCS patch was created by Lt Col Kimberly Baumann and SMSgt William Henry in 1989. The design was sent to the USAF Historical Research Center, Maxwell AFB, AL and refined. The patch went to them and back to us several times before it was finally accepted. In May 1990 the patch was officially approved by the USAF.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 282nd CCS came from the 156 Tactical Air Control Center Squadron. The 156 TACCSq was located on Pound Hill Rd, N. Smithfield, RI. The 156 TACCSq was actually located where at the lower site. The Commander of the organization was Lt Col Thomas Campbell. In July 1976, the 156 TACCSq moved to Read Schoolhouse Rd, Coventry, RI. The Group Headquarters for the 156 TACCSq was the 156 Tactical Control Group which was located in Cranston, RI. The 156 TCGp also commanded the 102 Tactical Control Squadron which was located on Old Oxford Rd, N. Smithfield, RI where the 282nd CCS is presently stationed today. The Group commander was Col Irving G. Ray. The site at Coventry, RI was an active duty Army missile control center (referred to as a NIKE site). CMSgt Timothy Buckley and SMSgt William Henry were the first ANG personnel to actually start the relocation process to Coventry. It was in 1978 that the 156th TACCSq actually became the 282 CCS. During the conversion we had active duty Air Force personnel assigned to Coventry from the 3rd Combat Communications, Tinker AFB, OK, who gave use equipment training for at least a couple of years. In October 1998, the 282nd CCS moved from Coventry to N. Smithfield, RI where it presently is today.

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Air Force Lineage and Honors

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### Sources

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The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, VA.

Air Force News. Air Force Public Affairs Agency.