

910 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

910 Communications Squadron constituted, 29 May 1951

Activated in the Reserve, 4 Sep 1951

Inactivated, 14 Jun 1952

910 Communications Flight constituted and activated, 3 May 1966

Organized in the Reserve, 1 Jun 1966

Redesignated 910 Information Systems Squadron on 10 Apr 1985

Redesignated 910 Communications Squadron, 1 Feb 1987.

The two 910 Communications Squadrons consolidated, 1 Feb 1987

Inactivated, 1 Jan 1992

Redesignated 910 Communications Flight, and activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1992

Redesignated 910 Communications Squadron, 1 Jan 2012

STATIONS

Greater Cincinnati Apt, KY, 4 Sep 1951

Clinton County AFB, OH, 17 Dec 1951-14 Jun 1952

Youngstown MAP, OH, 1 Jun 1966-1 Jan 1992

Youngstown MPT (later, Youngstown-Warren Regional Apt) ARS, OH, 1 Oct 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

910 Air Base Group, 4 Sep 1951-14 Jun 1952

910 Troop Carrier (later, 910 Tactical Airlift; 910 Tactical Air Support; 910 Special Operations; 910 Tactical Fighter) Group, 1 Jun 1966
910 Combat Support Squadron, 1 Nov 1975
910 Tactical Airlift Group, 10 Apr 1985-1 Jan 1992
910 Support (later, 910 Mission Support) Group, 1 Oct 1992

COMMANDERS

Capt Randy Jones
Maj Pete Milkovich

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Sep 1983-31 Aug 1985
1 Sep 1995-31 Aug 1997
28 Apr-4 Jun 2010

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OPERATIONS

When the aerial spray team was assembled to deploy to Duke Field in support of Joint Task Force Katrina, unit commanders were asked for “the most qualified people you’ve got.” As Tech. Sgt.’s Bob Fisher and Steven Edie, both from the 910th Communications Flight discovered, they didn’t specify whether those people had to have actually done the job before during a spray mission. Both of them are members of the computer repair section. The usual suspects for running ground radio during aerial spray missions were all unavailable. Some of the radio team had changed job titles and others were deployed.

So when there was a need for two ground radio support technicians, the two were chosen to fly to Florida. “We got the training and we’ve even gone on aerial spray deployments, but we were assigned as computer technicians on those other missions. This is a whole new thing for us,” said Tech. Sgt. Fisher. The first day was the most trying for the duo. Once they got the antenna set up and all the connections in place, they had to wait for the first flight to actually see if their work was successful.

“There was no way to test the long range radios until the planes were flying their missions. We did what we were trained to do and hoped for the best,” said Tech. Sgt. Edie. Although there were some issues with the long range radio on the first night, the High-Frequency (HF) radios only

used for near-base contact, were keeping contact nearly all the 250 miles to the spray sites. According to the two, although it started a little nerve-wracking it's been an interesting on-the-job experience.

Maj. Pete Milkovich took command of the 910th Communications Flight during a Change of Command Ceremony held at the Communications Flight building training room here March 8. He replaces Capt. Randy Jones as flight commander. Col. Teresa Hams, commander of the 910th Mission Support Group had high praises for both the incoming and outgoing commanders.

The 910th Communications Flight transitioned to squadron status at a ceremony in the communications building here, Jan. 7, 2012. Air Force Reserve Lt. Col. Pete Milkovich, commander of the 910th Communications Squadron, represented his unit at the ceremony.

910th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Reinhard Schmidt, 910th Mission Support Group Commander Col. Teresa Hams and 910th Airlift Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant Troy Rhoades were also in attendance. For Milkovich, as with most of the Air Force communications squadrons, the spotlight will be shining on cyber operations. "With the increased focus on cyber operations, we've experienced an increase in staff to help shoulder the workload," said Milkovich. "We have already been functioning at a squadron level, so the change from flight to squadron is kind of a formality." The increased threat of cyberattacks from hostile groups has already created a heightened sense of security.

This has resulted in more work for communications squadrons throughout the Air Force, a sentiment recently echoed by Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, who stated cyber war is one of his biggest worries. With the increased threat of attacks on the Air Force network, Milkovich emphasized the need for diligent defense of the Air Force network. "(The network) is a weapons system, and without it, our Air Force mission capabilities would be seriously degraded," he said. In closing, Milkovich stated a great road lies ahead and that he is grateful for the dedication and service continually exhibited by his Airmen. "Remember, this Comm train does not stop," said Milkovich. "It is in perpetual motion. You're either on board, or you're trying to get on board." Lt. Col. Pete Milkovich, commander of the 910th Communications Squadron, renders a salute to Col. Teresa Hams, 910th Mission Support Group Commander, during a ceremony elevating the unit from flight to squadron status here, Jan. 7, 2012.

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