

1823 AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE GROUP

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STATIONS

Andrews AFB, MD, 1 Nov 1954-1 Oct 1958

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 1823d AACS Group was established at Andrews AFB in 1954 to coordinate engineering, installation and supply efforts involved in providing new facilities. The Army Signal Corps had furnished communications and limited electronics support during World War II, but most of it was tactically oriented. The Army's Plant Engineering Agency did the limited amount of installation engineering needed since there were no massive or complex permanent installations involved.

Often AACS found it necessary to perform its own installation, using its own personnel for the purpose. This system remained in effect until the Air Force became independent in 1947. Even then, the limited communications resources were shared by the Army and the Air Force on a pro rata basis.

It was obvious that a single agency was needed to manage all Air Force engineering and installation. General Lemay, Vice Chief of Staff, picked the Air Materiel Command over AACS to command the new agency. The Ground Electronic Engineering Installation Agency, better known as GEEIA, was the result. Established in June 1958, this military construction organization began full-scale operations in July 1959. Initially, two out of every three people in GEEIA were from AACS. The entire 1823d AACS Group was reassigned to the new agency.

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