

# 2166 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

## MISSION

2166 Communications Squadron mission was communications in support of RAF Alconbury, United Kingdom, to include operation and maintenance of communications, air traffic control, navigational aid facilities, in support of 10 Tactical Fighter and 17 Reconnaissance Wings; maintenance of all weather observing and measuring equipment for Detachment 36, 28 Weather Squadron; maintenance of three wideband stations in support of defense communications service; provision of tactical air to ground radio communications to fighter wings in Europe, including Third Air Force and communications support for 819 Civil Engineering Squadron (Red Horse) at RAF Wethersfield, United Kingdom.

## LINEAGE

1266 Airways and Air Communications Service Squadron designated and organized, 1 Nov 1957  
Redesignated 2166<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, 1 Jul 1961  
Redesignated 2166<sup>th</sup> Information Systems Squadron, 1 Oct 1984  
Redesignated 2166<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, 1 Nov 1986

## STATIONS

RAF Alconbury, England

## ASSIGNMENTS

United Kingdom Airways and Air Communications Service Region (later, United Kingdom Communications Region) European Communications Area (later, European Communications Division; European Information Systems Division; European Communications Division), 30 Jun 1972  
2147 Communications Group (later, 2147<sup>th</sup> Information Systems Group; 2147<sup>th</sup> Information Systems Wing; 2147<sup>th</sup> Communications Wing), 1 Jan 1980

## COMMANDERS

Maj Lawrence A. Bayliss  
Maj Robert H. Willard, 1 Jun 1964  
Maj Thomas S. Brown, 4 Mar 1967  
Maj Robert L. McMullin, Nov 1968  
Maj W. J. Henderson, Jr.

Maj Roger J. Grass, 14 Aug 1969  
Lt Col Gomer W. Cochran, May 1972  
Col Hollis O. Hall, 29 May 1973  
Col Jack C. Reedy, 13 Jun 1974  
Col John M. Sedano, 9 Jul 1976  
Lt Col R. C. Paillex,  
Maj D. P. Johnson  
Lt Col John D. Ritenour, 20 Nov 1983  
Lt Col Ralph C. Escue, 7 Jul 1985  
Lt Col Leon C. Olson, 15 Jul 1988  
Maj Robert W. Bennett, 9 Aug 1990

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 Jan 1976-31 Dec 1976

### **EMBLEM**

Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. 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 North Star represents the air traffic control and navigation responsibilities of the unit. The lightning flash and the antenna indicate the communications mission of the unit. The globe reflects the worldwide communications capacity of the unit. The computer represents data automation support.

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

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