

# FACT SHEET

## 162<sup>nd</sup> COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

### CALIFORNIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

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The 162<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Group (CCG), headquartered in Sacramento, CA is one of eight Air National Guard Combat Communications groups nationwide, which account for 80% of the United States Air Force's tactical communications capability. The 162CCG is one of the five major organizations, which make up the California Air National Guard.

The 162<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Group traces its beginnings to the 599<sup>th</sup> Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, activated at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida on 30 March 1944. The unit moved shortly thereafter to the island of Oahu, Hawaii, and components of the unit saw action in the Marshall and Mariana Islands during World War II. The unit was inactivated on 29 July 1946, and was reactivated 13 May 1948, as the 162<sup>nd</sup> Aircraft Control and Warning Group of the California Air National Guard.

On 1 May 1951, the unit was mobilized and served in the states during the Korean War until its inactivation, 6 February 1952. A year later, it was returned to the control of the State of California and was redesignated the 162<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Control Group, stationed at Van Nuys Air National Guard Base. At that time, of the presently assigned units, only the 147<sup>th</sup>, 148<sup>th</sup> and 149<sup>th</sup> Squadrons were part of the Group as Aircraft Control and Warning Squadrons.

The Group Headquarters moved to the North Highlands ANG Station, Sacramento, 1 March 1961, and the Group was redesignated as the 162<sup>nd</sup> Communications Group (Mobile). By this time, three other units (the 222<sup>nd</sup>, 234<sup>th</sup>, and 261<sup>st</sup>) had joined the Group. In 1966, the Group again changed its designation to the 162<sup>nd</sup> Mobile Communications Group and retained this name until 10 February 1976, when it acquired its present designation as the 162<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Group. The Gaining command for the Group is the Air Force Air Combat Command (ACC) at Langley AFB, VA.

On 1 January 2001 the 148<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron converted to the 148<sup>th</sup> Space Operations Squadron and moved from Ontario ANG Station, CA to Vandenberg AFB, CA. On 1 December 2004 the 234<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron converted to the 234<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron and moved from Hayward ANG Station, CA to Beale AFB, CA. On 1 April 2008 the 216<sup>th</sup> Engineering Installation Squadron converted to the 216<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron and moved from Hayward ANG Station, CA to Vandenberg AFB, CA. On 1 April 2008 the 222<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Squadron converted to the 222<sup>nd</sup> Intelligence Support Squadron, the 222<sup>nd</sup> Operations Support

Squadron and the 222<sup>nd</sup> Communications Maintenance Flight and moved from Costa Mesa ANG Station, CA to Beale AFB, CA.

The 162<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Group is involved at the federal, state, and local community levels. The Group supports federal missions across the continental United States and around the globe on a daily bases. Most notable amongst these in recent years, was the Group's deployment of communications equipment and personnel to Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990 and 1991. Mission support to the State of California occurs annually in response to state emergencies such as civil unrest, floods, forest fires, earthquakes, and correctional facility contingencies. In addition to federal and state missions, units of the 162<sup>nd</sup> routinely support local community endeavors such as parades and charitable fundraisers a well as community organizations like scouting.

The expertise and professionalism of the 162<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Group have been recognized through the presentation of many awards:

Governor's Outstanding Unit Award	1990 – 1991 (149CBCS)
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Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1986-1987
AFCC Commander's Achievement Award	1986
TCD Commander's Achievement Award	1986
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1984 – 1985
NGAUS Mission Support Award	1985
TCD Commander's Achievement Award	1985 (HQ 162CCG)
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1981 –1982
AFCC Outstanding Communications Unit Award	1982 (261CBCS)
AFCC Outstanding Communications Unit Award	1981 (149CBCS)
AFCC Outstanding Communications Unit Award	1980 (234CBCS)
ANG Distinguished Unit Award	1980
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1978 – 1979
AFCC Outstanding Communications Unit Award	1977 (222CBCS)
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1968 – 1969
AFCC Outstanding Communications Unit Award	1968 (148CBCS)
AFCC Outstanding Communications Unit Award	1967 (234CBCS)

The 162<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Group was the overall winner of the first U.S. Air Force Combat Communications worldwide competition (Combat Challenge) in 1986. They beat four Air Force and three Air National Guard Combat Communications Groups in winning this prestigious event.

The Group has nine units located on five separate stations. The Units and their locations are:

HQ 162<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Group, North Highlands ANG Station, CA  
147<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron, San Diego ANG Station, CA  
148<sup>th</sup> Space Operations Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, CA  
149<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron, North Highlands ANG Station, CA  
216<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, CA  
222<sup>nd</sup> Intelligence Support Squadron, Beale AFB, CA  
222<sup>nd</sup> Operations Support Squadron, Beale AFB, CA  
222<sup>nd</sup> Communications Maintenance Flight, Beale AFB, CA  
234<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron, Beale AFB, CA  
261<sup>st</sup> Combat Communications Squadron, Sepulveda ANG Station, CA

The Group has an authorized strength of 59 officers and 704 airmen, and its assigned strength level is consistently above 90%.

Commander:

Col Richard Andrew April 1948 – July 1961  
Col F. E. Holsclaw August 1961 – October 1976  
Col Noel E. Paulsen November 1976 – May 1982  
Col Harris R. Henderson May 1982 – December 1989  
Col John M Lotz December 1989 – November 1990  
Col Fredrick D. Smith December 1990 – May 1996  
Col Edward C. Fager May 1996 – August 2006  
Col Steven T. Beck August 2006 - Current

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**REDESIGNATION**

HEADQUARTERS, 162d COMMUNICATIONS GROUP (MOBILE)

CALIFORNIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

having conformed to the requirements prescribed by Air National Guard Regulations, and in accordance with the provisions of the National Defense Act, as amended, is redesignated from Headquarters, 162d Tactical Control Group

Station: San Fernando Valley MAF, Van Nuys, California

Effective: 1 October 1960

FOR THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

*Ben W. Lichty*  
BEN W. LICHTY, COLONEL, USAF  
Air Executive

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*CHANGE OF STATION*

HEADQUARTERS 162nd COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, MOBILE

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*The station of the above unit, federally recognized 11 April 1948, is changed from Van Nuys MAP, Los Angeles, California to North Highlands, Sacramento, California in accordance with the provisions of the National Defense Act, as amended. Effective: 1 August 1961*

FOR THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

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## REDESIGNATION

Headquarters, 162nd Tactical Control Group  
California Air National Guard

having conformed to the requirements prescribed by Air National Guard Regulations, and in accordance with the provisions of the National Defense Act, as amended, is redesignated from Headquarters, 162nd Aircraft Control and Warning Group  
Station: Metropolitan Airport, Van Nuys, California  
Effective: 1 February 1953

FOR THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU



T. H. BAXTER, COLONEL, USAF  
Executive Officer, Air Force Division, NGB

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REDESIGNATION

162 COMBAT INFORMATION SYSTEMS GROUP  
NORTH HIGHLANDS, CALIFORNIA

HAVING CONFORMED TO THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY AIR NATIONAL GUARD REGULATIONS, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE ACT, AS AMENDED, IS REDESIGNATED.

FROM: 162 COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP  
STATION: NORTH HIGHLANDS, CALIFORNIA  
EFFECTIVE: 1 JULY 1985

FOR THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

*John B. Conaway*  
JOHN B. CONAWAY, Major General USAF  
Director, Air National Guard

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REDESIGNATION

162 COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP  
NORTH HIGHLANDS ANG, CALIFORNIA

HAVING CONFORMED TO THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY AIR NATIONAL GUARD REGULATIONS, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE ACT, AS AMENDED, IS REDESIGNATED.

FROM: 162 COMBAT INFORMATION SYSTEMS GROUP

STATION: NORTH HIGHLANDS ANG, CALIFORNIA

EFFECTIVE: 1 OCTOBER 1986

FOR THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

*John B. Conaway*  
JOHN B. CONAWAY, Major General, USAF  
Director, Air National Guard



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## REDESIGNATION

HEADQUARTERS 162D MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

CALIFORNIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

*having conformed to the requirements prescribed by Air National Guard Regulations, and in accordance with the provisions of the National Defense Act, as amended, is redesignated from Headquarters 162d Communications Group (Mobile)*

**Station:** North Highlands ANG Base, California

**Effective:** 16 March 1968

FOR THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

*D. C. F. [Signature]*  
Colonel, USAF  
Executive  
Asst Chief NGB, Air



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR COMBAT COMMAND  
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA 23665-2778

08 OCT 1997

SPECIAL ORDER  
A-3

1. Special Order A-225, 26 Sep 97, this Headquarters, relating to the active duty assignment of the units listed, is rescinded.

2. Upon receipt of official notification from this Headquarters to implement this order, or automatically upon announcement of a state of national emergency or war, the following Air National Guard units with assigned personnel are ordered to extended active duty at the locations indicated. Concurrently with this action, units and personnel are relieved from assignment to the states indicated, assigned to this command and further assigned to the Twelfth Air Force. Under partial mobilization, only those units specifically ordered to extended active duty are so assigned. The Twelfth Air Force is designated the intermediate gaining command. Authority: AFI 38-101 and DAF/MO Ltr 317r, 15 May 92.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
HQ 162 Combat Communications Group (CCG)	North Highlands ANGS CA
147 Combat Communications Squadron (CBCS)	San Diego ANGS CA
148 CBCS	Ontario ANGS CA
149 CBCS	North Highlands ANGS CA
222 CBCS	Costa Mesa ANGS CA
234 CBCS	Hayward ANGS CA
261 CBCS	Sepulveda ANGS CA

FOR THE COMMANDER



*Richard H. Zeimet*  
RICHARD H. ZEIMET, Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Manpower and Organization  
Directorate of Plans and Programs

DISTRIBUTION  
162 CCG/CC, North Highlands CA 95660-5794  
147 CBCS/CC, San Diego CA 92111-1120  
148 CBCS/CC, Ontario CA 91761-7627  
149 CBCS/CC, North Highlands CA 95660-5794  
222 CBCS/CC, Costa Mesa CA 92627-4627  
234 CBCS/CC, Hayward CA 94545-1386  
261 CBCS/CC, Van Nuys CA 91406-6499  
12 AF/CC/MO, Davis-Monthan AFB AZ 85707  
NGB/CF, Washington DC 20310  
ANGRC/MPMRM, Andrews AFB MD 20762  
ACC/CG  
TAG CA, Sacramento CA 95826-9101

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR COMBAT COMMAND  
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA 23665-2778

13 JAN 1997

**SPECIAL ORDER**  
A-74

1. Special Order A-99, 1 Feb 94, this Headquarters, relating to the active duty assignment of the units listed is rescinded.
2. Upon receipt of official notification from this Headquarters to implement this order, or automatically upon announcement of a state of national emergency or war, the following Air National Guard units with assigned personnel are ordered to extended active duty at the locations indicated. Concurrently with this action, units and personnel are relieved from assignment to the states indicated, assigned to this command and further assigned to the Twelfth Air Force. Under partial mobilization, only those units specifically ordered to extended active duty are so assigned. The Twelfth Air Force is designated the intermediate gaining command. Authority: AFI 38-101 and DAF/MO Ltr 317r.15 May 92.

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HQ 162 Combat Communications Group (CCG)	North Highlands Communications Station CA
147 Combat Communications Squadron (CCS)	San Diego ANGB CA
148 CCS	Ontario ANG CA
149 CCS	North Highlands Communications Station CA
222 CCS	Costa Mesa ANG CA
234 CCS	Hayward Municipal Airport (MAP) CA
261 CCS	Sepulveda ANG CA

FOR THE COMMANDER



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