

216th Electronics Installation Squadron History for Fiscal Year 1975:

Dates: 1 October 1974 to 31 September 1975

This is the combined history of the 216th Electronic Installation Squadron for the fiscal year 1975. The information for the year 1975 was obtained from news releases, Letters of Appreciation and photographs from history files that were scanned and captured by Senior Master Sergeant (retired) Benjamin Quen. Information compiled by Chief Master Sergeant (retired) Jack Davis. Note: The 216th was still called “Electronics Installation Squadron” at this time. The designation was later changed to “Engineering Installation Squadron”.



Commander: LtCol George R. Abbott



First Sergeant: SMSGT Winston L. Nelson



CMSGT Benjamin Thiel



CMSGT James L. Shearer

Significant Events/Personnel Changes:

LtCol Donald W. Strauch replaced LtCol George R. Abbott as Squadron Commander.



The 216th received the Commanding General's California Air National Outstanding Unit award for 1974.



Left to Right: Brigadier General Walter Leonardo (Deputy Adjutant General, CA Air Force Division), Major General Frank J. Schober Jr. (California State Adjutant General), LtCol George R. Abbott (Commander 216th Electronics Installation Squadron), Colonel F. E. Holsclaw (Commander 162nd Mobile Communications Group). The trophy shown above was displayed at the 216th until it was transferred for display at the 216th Operational Support Squadron at Vandenberg AFB, CA. The banner that accompanied the award is still attached to the 216th guideon and in the possession of 216th Alumni Association President, Jack F. Davis, CMSGT retired.

Captain Michael E. Bergen (Wire OIC) received the Communications Electronics Professional Achievement Award



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE C-E PROFESSIONAL
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
TO
MICHAEL E BERGEN

Captain Michael E Bergen distinguished himself as an outstanding Communications-Electronics Engineering Officer while assigned as OIC of the Wire Section, Engineering Branch, 216th EI Squadron, California Air National Guard, from 1 July 1974 to 30 June 1975. During this period Captain Bergen displayed exceptional professional ability in the preparation of the Base Wire Communication Plan (BWCP) and subsequent development of the engineering schemes for an expanded base wire communications system for the Los Angeles Air National Guard Station. The distinctive achievement of Captain Bergen as a Communications-Electronics engineering Officer reflects credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Retirements:

LtCol George R. Abbott (Commander)
CMSGT Benjamin Thiel

MANNING: Authorized: 11 Officers and 153 Airmen
Current Strength: 12 Officers and 140 Airmen

PROJECTS:

Almaden Air Force Station CA: Antenna Maintenance
Installation of RIVET Switch Equipment

Beale AFB, CA: Antenna Pre IRAN/IRAN
ILS Equipment Removal

Chico AFS, CA: Antenna Pre IRAN/IRAN
Ground Radio IRAN

Fort Leavenworth, KS: Engineered removal of Meteorological Equipment

Fresno ANGB, CA: Base Cable Plant Engineering
CCTV Engineering
Inside Plant Equipment PMI
Telephone Cable Installation

George AFB, CA: Communications Cable Installation

*Hamilton AFB, CA: Inside Plant PMI
Intercom System Installation
Telephone Cable Maintenance*

*Hill AFB, UT: Antenna Pre IRAN/IRAN
Rivet Switch Equipment Installation
Autovon Equipment Installation
Telephone Cable Installation*

Los Angeles ANG, CA: Telephone Cable Plant Engineering

*Mather AFB, CA: Antenna Pre IRAN/IRAN
Intrusion Alarm Installation
Telephone Cable Maintenance*

McClellan AFB, CA: Antenna Pre IRAN/IRAN

*Travis AFB, CA: Antenna Pre IRAN/IRAN
Metreorological Cable Maintenance*

Vandenberg AFB, CA: Telephone Cable Maintenance

ACTIVE DUTY AUGMENTATION:

Kirtland AFB, NM: 1 person, 90 days
McClellan AFB, CA: 2 personnel, 164 days
Vandenberg AFB, CA: 1 person, 227 days
Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO: 1 person, 93 days

COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Hayward Parks District: Removal of Floodlight Poles and Installation of public address speakers.

Newark Little League: Trenching for Construction of Baseball Diamond

Stanford University: Removal of Antenna Support Poles

Below is a news release from the Air Force Communications Service Intercom Magazine and the "Lifelines" published by the 129th Rescue Wing. At this time the 129th was still located in the hangar at Hayward Air National Guard Station.



216th Receives Award

HAYWARD ANGB, Calif. — The 216th EI Sq. was recently presented the 1974 Commanding General's Outstanding California Air National Guard Unit award. The award, annually presented by the California Governor, recognized the 216th for exceptional military mission performance, various community relations projects, continual training and esprit de corps.





STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
STATE MILITARY FORCES - MILITARY DEPARTMENT
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Sacramento, California 95821

EDMUND G. BROWN, JR.
Governor

Reply to
Attn of: AF/CSS


29 September 1975

Subject: Letter of Appreciation

To: 162nd MCG/CC

1. I am pleased to forward the attached letter from Lt. General Bryan M. Shotts, which is the 2nd letter in a matter of days commending the 216th Electronics Installation Squadron for their support of the regular establishment.
2. In this period of post-Vietnam military adjustment of the "total force" concept, application of Air National Guard professionalism is particularly important. It is through the efforts and flexibility demonstrated by the members of the 216th Electronics Installation Squadron that the Air National Guard continues to illustrate its outstanding value to the USAF and the State of California.
3. Please convey my personal congratulations and appreciation to Lt Col George R. Abbott and the personnel of the 216th EI Squadron for their superior support accomplishments.

FOR THE COMMANDER


WALTER C. LEONARDO
Brigadier General
Deputy Adjutant General
Air Force Division

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Ltr, Lt Gen Shotts,
15 Sep 75

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE (SAC)
MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, 92508



15 SEP 1975

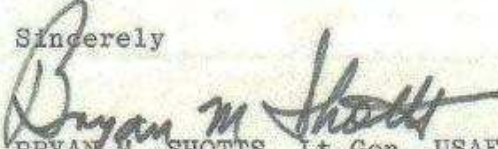
Major General Frank J. Schober, Jr.
Commander, State Military Forces
P. O. Box 214405
Sacramento, California 95821

Dear General Schober

During August 1975, Beale Air Force Base, California, one of our subordinate units, requested emergency maintenance assistance to help repair a failure in a critical communications cable. While processing the request, we contacted the 216th Electronics Installation Squadron, Air National Guard, at Hayward, California, to determine if they could provide assistance. They immediately accepted the task. The squadron deployed a cable splicing team and, displaying outstanding dedication and technical expertise, rapidly restored an important command control communications system to operation.

Please extend my appreciation to those personnel involved for their superior maintenance assistance and demonstrated professionalism. Their support in this regard has contributed significantly to the accomplishment of the Fifteenth Air Force mission. I look forward to our continued mutual endeavors in the future.

Sincerely


BRYAN M. SHOTTS, Lt Gen, USAF
Commander

Roster: Information attained from recall roster dated 1 December 1971. All names in black were from that roster and not verified with documents from this fiscal year. However, the manning numbers from a unit quarterly history report from the first quarter of 1975 verifies that the unit manning numbers are the same as 1971. So, the assumption was made that most of the personnel from 1971 were still in the unit. The personnel in green were verified from the quarterly history report for 1975 and from photographs. Roster verifications will be clarified after review of documents in the California Military History Museum library or other documents as they are located.

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| Abbott, George R. | Cutright, Stanley H. | Intrieri, August J. | Raby, Thomas R. |
| Adams, James L. | Daniels, Steven E. | Jennings, Jimmy J. | Ross, Angus R. |
| Aquiar, Frank F. | Destefani, Mario J. | Jones, Cary W. | Russello, Albert P. |
| Alderman, William C. | Dimond, Robert W. | Jones, Kenneth A. | Schlavin, Donald C. |
| Alvidrez, Alexander | Doxsee, Loren W. | Jones, Kenneth G. | Schmidt, David V. |
| Angel, John S. | Doyle, John M. | Kerby, Randall L. | Schnoor, Kirke G. |
| Angelo, Frank D. | Dudley, Gary W. | Kyle, Robert D. K. | Schukle, James L. |
| Arribas, Michael Jr. | Dunham, Randall R. | Loeb, Timothy G. | Scott, Stuart L. |
| Avelar, Richard M. | Ellis, Billy G. | Long, David W. | Seirup, Michael W. |
| Barber, Donald R. | Ellis, Ronald W. | Lopes, Bernard B. | Shearer, James L. |
| Bartholomew, Bruce E. | Ericson, George S. | Lowden, James G. | Smith, Frederick D. |
| Baum, Herman J. | Fink, Earle E. | Lyman, Leo J. | Sobrero, Richard R. |
| Benjamin, David R. | Fisher, Lawrence A. | Mahugh, Roger A. | Spellman, Robert E. |
| Bergen, Michael E. | Garavatti, Paul R. | Maldonado, Paul | Stonehouse, Michael J. |
| Berwick, Michael J. | Garavatti, Stephen R. | Mansur, John L. | Strauch, Donald W. |
| Boone, Charles T. | Garvin, Stanley M. | Mason, Gregory S. | Stevens, Duane |
| Boscow, Gerald K. | Gibeson, Gregory R. | Masumoto, Eugene T. | Streets, Barry E. |
| Bowen, Herbert A. III | Gilmore, John J. | May, Gene E. | Taber, Douglas E. |
| Bragonier, David W. | Giordano, Duino F. | McClain, Ben | Taniguchi, Warren H. |
| Brazil, David M. | Gordon, Ronald J. | Menzes, Howard K. | Thiel, Benjamin |
| Brokaw, Frederick T. | Graef, Bernard F. | Miller, Charles M. | Torres, Regugio, C. |
| Brown, Jerry L. | Grasso, Curtis W. | Miller, Dorance L. | Toste, Robert A. |
| Byrd, James E. | Greer, John | Miller, Stephen N. | Uptegrove, Carl E. |
| Campbell Bruce C. | Guidry, Mark S. | Mitchell, Wayne a. | Valente, Ronald A. |
| Campen, Gary | Halsey, William H. | Mondello, Thomas D. | Vance, George P. |
| Caparelli, Gary W. | Hansen, Herman A. | Moore, Timothy A. | Verona, George A. |
| Carney, Robert E. | Harrigan, Michael | Nagy, Michael J. | Walden, Richard J. |
| Carrubba, Donald C. | Harrington, Bill R. | Needles, Jay D. | Webster, Kenneth R. |
| Clack, Rex M. | Hobert, David S. | Nelson, Terrence W. | White Ashley W. |
| Clark, Gerald A. | Hogan, Martin P. | Nelson, Winston L. | White, Richard D. |
| Clausen, Richard D. | Holm, Gregory N. | Nystrom, Allan L. | Wichwire, Gary N. |
| Colletti, Barry A. | Hoppas, Arvid G. | Ogee, Edward D. | Wolfe, Jeffrey C. |
| Colletti, Bruce S. | Hudson, Rebecca L. | Pearsall, Barry D. | Zak, James A. |
| Congistre, John H. | Hughes, Richard B. | Pensotti, Donald P. | |
| Cook, Ralph J. | Hume, Edward D. | Peterson, Rudolph W. | |
| Corey, James D. | Hunt, Merrill | Peterson, Stephen L. | |
| Cronin, James A. | | | |