

216 EIS History Fiscal Year 1996 (Dates: Oct 1 1995 to Sept 31 1996)

This is the combined history of the 216th Engineering Installation Squadron for the fiscal year 1996. The information for the year 1996 was obtained from workload databases maintained by Chief Master Sergeant (retired) Janine Garcia (Supervisory Engineering Technician/Workload Controller), 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.

Commander: LtCol Leonard Pringle

Commander: LtCol Neal Nakatsuka

Detachment Commander: Major Christopher Gideon

Detachment Commander: Major Neal Nakatsuka

First Sergeant: SMSGT Thomas Smith

Wire Chief: CMSGT Duino Giordano

Workload Chief: CMSGT Janine Garcia



LtCol Leonard Pringle



LtCol Neal Nakatsuka



SMSGT Thomas Smith



CMSGT Janine Garcia



CMSGT Duino Giordano

Significant Events/Personnel Changes:

Major Neal Nakatsuka replaced Major Christopher Gideon as Detachment Commander early in the fiscal year and then was promoted to LtCol and became Commander of the 216th later in the year. Engineering Installation Units sometimes have a Commander that is a traditional guardsman and a Detachment Commander that is a full-time civil service employee and guardsman. Sometimes both of these positions are filled by the same person. That was the case when LtCol Nakatsuka first became the full-time civil service Detachment Commander and then became the Commander, holding both positions.

TSGT Jack Davis replaced TSGT Gregory Sonier as the Electronics Technician. TSGT Sonier remained a traditional guardsman in the unit.

The 216th participated in several large projects and exercises this year, including the AFCESA LAN project and Vandenberg AFB, CA and Won Gone III exercise in Korea.

The AFCESA LAN project at Vandenberg was a very large project led by the 215th EIS in Everett Washington. The 216th sent over 30 people on this project. Several other EI units participated in this project as well.

The Antenna Shop continued doing numerous antenna Preventative Maintenance Inspections and antenna repairs this year throughout the state. The Radio Shop started the practice this year of sending radio troops out on the antenna inspection and maintenance projects in order to get vital training for the radio troops. The radio troops got hands-on training performing Voltage Standing Wave Ratio (VSWR) checks on the radios. Capturing this test data on the radio/antenna systems each year can track the health of the entire system and help to diagnose potential problems.

Members of the 216th attended several Lightning Force Academy courses this year. The Lightning Force School was still in it's infancy at this time. This school was set up to provide Engineering-Installation-specific training. Air Force Engineering and Installation troops attend the same Technical schools that Air Force maintenance troops attend and the specific training to perform installations was not available as a one-source school until the Lightning Force Academies were created. Several of these classes were taught at Mountain Home AFB and McClellan AFB at this time. Since then, a Guard Lightning Force Academy has been established at the 211 EIS in Pennsylvania. Most of the Engineering Installation training for both the guard and the active duty are taught there now.

Roster: Information obtained from Workload/Deployment database maintained by CMSGT Janine Garcia. These are the members of the 216th that are confirmed for 1 Oct 95 to 31 Sep 96.

Anderson, John	Fletcher, Cynthia	Lewis, Teresa	Rocole, M
Araya, John	Fonseca, Richard	Long, Phillip	Roper, J
Austria, Victor	Foronda, S	Look, James	Rusakiewicz, S
Bacigalupi, A	Foxworthy, Mark	Macias, George	Sandbothe, Robert
BarriereJorge	Freemon, Isaiah	McClain, Annette	Schuler, R
Barros, Joseph	Froloff, S	Mendiola, V	Sluder, William (Bill)
Behrens, Michael	Gallegos, Daniel	Messman, S	Smith, Thomas
Bennett, Bruce	Gallegos, Larry	Miller, Steven	Smuin, John (Mike)
Bishari, Dane	Garcia, Janine	Montalban, Gillermo	Soliman, J
Bortz, Jennifer	Garcia, Robert	Mueller, Jon	Rocole, M
Boutte, K	Gideon, Christopher	Myers, Steven	Roper, J
Boutte, L	Giles, Tracy	Nakatsuka, Neal	Rusakiewicz, S
Bright, J	Gill, Horace	Narup, George	Sandbothe, Robert
Brown, H	Giordano, Aldo	Nazareno, F	Schuler, R
Burnau, B	Giordano, Duino	Nelson, Cody	Sluder, William (Bill)
Cain, Brian	Haffer, Eddie	Nguyen, P	Smith, Thomas
Camarena, Steven	Hall, Tyrone	Niderost, Marcus	Smuin, John (Mike)
Carney, Robert	Hardin, Erika	O'Brien, T	Soliman, J
Carter, Stanley	Hartman, C	Odonnell, Danny	Sonier, Gregory
Clark, Irvin	Hawkins, Willie (Kathy)	Paderanga, N	Specht, Daniel
Cosby, Rosilind	Headrick, Bruce	Patten, Russel	Spellman, Robert
Cox, L	Hefner, Kenneth	Paulauskas, Michael	Taylor, Daniel
Craig, S	Heinbaugh, Edward	Paulsen, Michael	Thompson, A
Culeman, Kenneth	Henry, H	Peralta, R	Torres, Dino
Danehy, Mark	Hernandez, Robert	Pinkerton, Steve	Turner, Caleb
Davis, Jack	Hofstad, J	Pinto, J (Bob)	Vavrock, Robert
Davis, Walter	Horton, Richard	Pontin, M	Walker, Robert
Decker, Howard	House, Henry	Power, C	Wedaa, Heidi
Delao, J	Howd, Douglas	Prestel, R	White, Maurice
Dulay, Michael	Ingles, C	Prince, Ronald	Williams, J
Duree, Jeremy	Jeanpierre, W	Pringle, Leonard	Woodbury, J
Durollari, Rapush	Juris, James	Procita, John	Wright, Rayford
Dutt, Michael	Kacensky, Eileen	Purisima, Albert	Young, P
Eaton, Scott	Karner, J	Quen, Benjamin	Young, A
Ednave, R	Ko, Wayne	Ramirez, Albert	Zenou, Joey
Epps, Ricardo	Kolb, Mark	Rees, Joel	
Ester, Laurence	Laguardia, D	Renfro, S	
Evans, Michael	Lane, Jeffrey	Repetto, Steven	
Fan, K	Larrowe, J	Riley, Lynnet	
Finnefrock, Jodelle	Larson, F	Rios, Jupiter	
Fischer, Mark	Lemons, M	Roberts, Vernon	

Retirement: CMSGT Duino Giordano



Major Aten and Chief Giordano



LtCol O'Brien and Chief Giordano



LtCol Taniguchi and Chief Giordano



Chief Ellis and Chief Giordano

Retirement: LtCol Leonard Pringle. No pictures available from LtCol Pringle's retirement:

Projects:

Vandenberg AFB, CA: AFCESA ATM Installation

Participants: Wayne Ko, Benjamin Quen, Josea Henry, Laurence Boutte, Steven Myers, Cody Nelson, Robert Vavrock, Kenneth Culeman, Cynthia Fletcher, George Narup, Isaiah Freemon, Joseph Barros, Robert Spellman, Ricardo Epps, Floyd Larson, Narciso Paderanga, C. Henry, Joey Zenou, Eddie Haffer, George Macias, John Anderson, Douglas Howd, James Juris, Pat Young, Howard Decker, Richard Prestel, Steven Pinkerton, Robert Spellman, Danny Gallegos, Vernon Roberts, Mike Evans, James Look, Steven Myers, J Rios, Larry Gallegos, Jodelle Finnerfrock, Robert Garcia, Robert Sandbothe, V Mendiola, Mike Evans, Kenneth Culeman

Antenna PMI's: (All in California)

North Highlands ANG: J Karner, Marcus Niderost, R Wright

Beale AFB: Aldo Giordano, Tyrone Hall, Albert Purisima, Jupiter Rios, Dino Torres, Robert Walker, Laurence Ester

Mill Valley FAA Site: Randy Renfro, Steven Repetto, Robert Vavrock, Jeremy Duree, Robert Walker, Laurence Ester

Paso Robles FAA Site: B Burnau, Steven Camarena, Henry House, Randy Renfro, J Rios

Mt Laguna FAA Site: Jupiter Rios, Steven Camarena, Hosea Henry, B Burnau, Randy Renfro

Note: There were several trips made to Mt Laguna this Fiscal Year. Some of it was Engineering for the project listed below (TSV Project) and some were PMI's and antenna maintenance.

March ARB: Steven Camarena, Hosea Henry, Jupiter Rios. There was another deployment to March ARB this Fiscal Year but it is unclear what it was for. I suspect it was for engineering and follow-on antenna maintenance. Participants: Steven Camarena, Irvin Clark, Vicente Mindeola, Hosea Henry

*Costa Mesa ANG*s & *Las Angeles AFB*: Caleb Turner, Robert Walker, Marcus Niderost, Laurence Ester, Jupiter Rios, Hosea Henry, Dan Bacibalupi, Aldo Giordano, Kenneth Culeman

Travis AFB: Steven Camarena, Henry House, Caleb Turner, Dino Torres

Pt Reyes Receiver Site: Aldo Giordano, Ronald Prince, Steven Repetto, Daniel Taylor

Boron FAA Radar Site, CA, AN/GRC 171 Radio Installations for U.S. Customs. The site survey for this project was done in fiscal year 1996. The installation was completed in 1997.

Hickam AFB, HI, Temporary Relocation of Passenger Terminal Communications Engineering: Robert Sandbothe, Hosea Henry

Sepulveda ANGs, Cable Repair (Engineering)

Participants: Victor Austria, Josea Henry, Wayne Ko,

Mill Valley FAA Radar Site, CA, HF Radio Installation

Participants: Irvin Clark, Jon Mueller, Cody Nelson, V Mendiola, Jack Davis

Finley AFB, ND, FARR Cable Installation:

Participants: Irvin Clark

Ontario ANGS, CA, METNAV PMI:

Participants: Michael Behrens, Jeffrey Lane, Paul Nguyen, C Power, Maurice White, Erika Hardin, J Hoftad

Kingsley ANGB, OR, Cable Upgrade

Participants: Hosea Henry, Vicente Mediola, Gregory Sonier, George Narup

Monterey, CA, LAN Engineering and Installation

Participants: Mike Evans, Danny Gallegos, Douglas Howd, James Look, George Narup, James Juris, Vicente Mendiola, Daniel Specht, Irvin Clark

Channel Islands, ANGB, CA, METNAV PMI

Participants: Erika Hardin, Paul Nguyen, Maurice White

Moffett FAF, CA, D-Brite Radar Installation

Participants: V. Mendiola, Isaiah Freeman, Jack Davis, Richard Prestel, Scott Eaton, B Burnau, Aldo Giordano, Heidi Wedda

Reno ANGB, NV, Engineering and LAN Cable Upgrade

Participants: Eddie Haffer, Floyd Larson, Vicente Mendiola, John Smuin, Irvin Clark, Laurence Boutte, George Narup, John Araya

Mt. Laguna FAA Site, CA: TSV/T/M Panel Installation

Participants: Cody Nelson, John Procita, Richard Horton, Erika Hardin, David Miller, Jon Pinto, Terrence Robles, Eileen Kacensky (Quality Assurance), Horace Gill (Quality Assurance)

Paso Robles, FAA Site, CA: TSV T/M Panel Installation

Participants: Cody Nelson, John Procita, Joseph Barros, Tyrone Hall, Jon Mueller, M Pontin, Horace Gill, Eileen Kacensky, Jack Davis, Erika Hardin, Robert Pinto, Richard Horton, Hosea Henry

Sierra Army Depot, FMQ-13 Maintenance:

Participants: Erika Hardin, Maurice White, P Nguyen (Installation was in 95)

Travis AFB, CA: AFCESA LAN Engineering

Participants: Benjamin Quen, Hosea Henry, Michael Dutt, Wayne Ko

Freeman (Germany) 9 Dec 95 to 25 Apr 96 (Not sure what this is for)

Exercises:

WON GONE III, Republic of Korea:

Participants: Duino Giordano, Steven Miller, F. Nazareno, Jim Larrowe, Scott Messman, M. Carter, Lenn Pringle, Albert Ramirez, Steven Repetto, Ronald Prince, Michael Paulauskas, Josea Henry, Michael Paulsen

UICHI Focus 96, Korea: Leonard Pringle

Windy Deployer 96, Rheinmein AB, GE: Leonard Pringle

Schools:

7-Level School: Albert Purisima, Theresa Giles, Robert Ednave

Basic Training: Jennifer Bortz, Joel Rees, S Rusakiewicz

Standard Installations Practices Training (SIPT), McClellan AFB, CA

J Karner, Ronald Prince, Heidi Wedaa, P Nguyen, Michael Behrens

SIPT Fiber Optic Course, McClellan AFB, CA: James Juris

SIPT LAN Course: Douglas Howd, Benjamin Quen, Robert Spellman, James Juris, Vernon Roberts, R Hernandez

Team Chief Academy, Tinker AFB, OK: Michael Dulay, Jon Araya, Maurice White

Technical School: T Smith, C Power, R Schuler, J Roper, S Foronda, R Wright, P Nguyen, J Delao, S Foronda, C Ingles