

118 AIR BASE GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

St Joseph, MO

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

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Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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OPERATIONS

To handle the increased landing/take-off speed requirements, an additional 2,500 feet of concrete and high intensity runway and approach lights were installed in 1957-58 at a cost of one million dollars. On 2 April 1958 the 131st Maintenance and Supply Group was deactivated, the 118th Air Base Group and subordinated units were activated. The newly formed 118th sections, the 180th, and supporting elements became part of the 118th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Tennessee Air National Guard. The mission was changed from Fighter Interceptor to Reconnaissance.

A somewhat happier vein of thought is provoked by the change in command as of 1 November 1958. Colonel Charles F. Wurtzler was assigned State Staff duties, Lieutenant Colonel Wilby W. Lee assumed command of the 118th Air Base Group, and Major Charles A. Enos, Jr. became commander of the 180th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, and Captain William F. Enright, Jr. was named commander of the 118th Installation Squadron.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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