

131 TRAINING FLIGHT



MISSION

LINEAGE

131 Training Flight

STATIONS

Camp Blanding, FL

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj John Waltbillig

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc parted per bend sinister Azure and Vert, on the bend a lightning bolt Or, surmounted by a torch palewise Sable fimbriated and detailed Argent, its top conjoined to a fleur-de-lis, its center inflamed Tenné, overall a book open face of the fifth lined and detailed of the fourth, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "VICTORIA PER SCIENTIAM" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "131ST TRAINING FLIGHT" in Black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force 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 lightning bolt is a symbol of weather and the power provided by knowledge. The book represents the wisdom and information the unit provides as a training institution. The torch reflects enlightenment as we "light the way for others" while it also creates the fleur-de-lis, part of the education career field heritage dating back to the U.S. Army Signal Corps Meteorological Service and its participation in World War I.

MOTTO

VICTORIA PER SCIENTIAM--Victory Through Knowledge

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The Florida Air National Guard inactivated the Weather Readiness Training Center at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, near Starke, and rechristened it the 131st Training Flight. "The unit will finally be its own numbered unit," said Maj. John Waltbillig, 131st TF commander, during the April 12 redesignation ceremony. "And it gives us the command authority that our students deserve," he added. The unit will continue training ANG weather personnel in combat meteorological tasks. It may even expand to train airmen from across the Air Guard in a variety of battlefield skills, said Waltbillig. "As the training missions continue to morph and evolve, the 131st Training Flight will continue to meet the needs of today's Air Force and the National Guard," he said. Established as a training course in 1992, the WRTC became a formal school in 2000, training weathermen from across the Air Guard. 2012

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