

133rd SUPPORT SQUADRON

LINEAGE

STATIONS

St Paul, MN

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Roger A. Lewis

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Support Squadron it's functions as old and as basic as the Minnesota Air National Guard itself... now numbers over 200 officers and airmen under the command of Lt. Col. Roger A. Lewis. These are the "Base Managers", assigned the responsibility for providing many of the facilities and services required of a home base for mission aircraft. In the 50th year of the Air Guard, these are: Legal, Chaplain, Photo Lab, Motor Vehicle Operations, Traffic Management, Ground Transportation Management, Security Police, Food Service, Base Operations, Administrative Services, Procurement, Comptroller, Personnel and Training.

Air Force organization concepts since 1962 group these base support functions into a separate squadron responsible to the Group Commander and acting as his direct support staff while serving all units assigned to the base.

By the time the Guard was activated in March 1951, the support functions were organized as an Air Base Group with Col. Ernest Berg commanding. Included in the group were an Air Police Squadron, Installations Squadron, Food Service Squadron and Communications Squadron.

Upon deactivation in November 1952, Lt. Col. Edmund M. Antonini was assigned as the Commander. The unit became the 133d Air Base Squadron in April 1956, remaining so titled through several changes in scope of mission until January 1964, when the present title of Support Squadron was conferred. At that time, it had grown to 27 officers and 318 airmen, including the historic functions of Communications and Civil Engineering which became independent flights in 1965 and 1969 respectively.

From the return to state status in 1952, the command roster reads as follows:

Dec. 52 - Apr. 1956 Lt. Col. Edmund Antonini

133d Air Base Group Apr. 56 - Sep. 1960 Lt. Col. Gerhard P. Kaske

133d Air Base Squadron Sep. 60 - Mar. 1963 Lt. Col. James E. Andrews

133d Air Base Squadron Mar. 63 -Jan. 1964 Lt. Col. Arthur J. Petter

133d Air Base Squadron Jan. 64- Dec. 1967 Lt. Col. Carol J. Michaud

133d Support Squadron Jan. 68 -Jan. 1970 Lt. Col. Bernard L. Miller

133d Support Squadron Jan. 70 - Present Lt. Col. Roger A. Lewis

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In the earliest days the entire unit was a single squadron, with base support. As the air age developed, it brought greater emphasis on air units, with more aircraft, more complex planes, more people and more specialization.

Air Force Order of Battle

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