

165 COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

165 Support Squadron activated, 10 Jul 1958
Redesignated 165 Air Base Squadron
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STATIONS

Savannah, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC William A. Winburn, III
LTC Aubrey Prosser
LTC Roy J. Yelton
LTC Jack S. Hill

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 165th Combat Support Squadron has a rich history of service that began on 10 July 1958, as

the 165th Support Squadron, under the command of Major William A. Wilburn III.

Since its beginning, the 165th Combat Support Squadron (CSS) has been home to many functions that are now parts of other units. More recently the Motor Vehicle Operations section, long a member of the CSS, was transferred to the Resources Management Squadron.

The 165th Combat Support Squadron provides base services for all activities assigned or attached to the Group including Administration, Chaplain, Military Personnel, Judge Advocate, Food Service, Law Enforcement, Training, Combat Arms, Disaster Preparedness, and Social Actions.

In the early years, the Base Administration and Personnel functions were combined and were led by Warrent Officer Robert W. Bazemore. When the functions split, Mr. Bazemore continued in Base Administration and SMSgt Billy A. Mitchell was commissioned as a Captain to head the Personnel sections.

The Consolidated Base Personnel Office came into existence upon the split of the Administration and Personnel functions. In addition to Mitchell, the CBPO has been led by Major Charles L. Burnsed, Major Dewey Whitaker, Capt Harry S. Carter, Capt James W. Swanner, and Major Corley L. Shearouse Jr.

The Food Service Section has long been known for its outstanding support of the mission. For years, Mr. Bazemore also served as an additional duty as Food Service Officer.

For years, the Judge Advocate for the Group was LTC Albert N. Remler. Upon his retirement, Major Stephen M. Collins was appointed and is currently serving as Judge Advocate.

Disaster Preparedness was, for a long time, under the leadership of Major Patrick Marshall and MSgt James Meyers. It is now under the leadership of 1st Lt Lonnie Nielson and is charged with providing Chemical Warfare training to all units in the Group as well as three geographically separated units.

The Base Training Office has been under the leadership of such officers as Lt Venie Brown, Capt Roy Yelton, Major Jack S. Hill and the current OIC, Captain Earl Jackson. This section supervises the Base Ancillary Training and Combat Arms training.

Security Police was for a long time, a part of the Combat Support Squadron and upon the organization of Weapons Systems, Security personnel moved to the new unit leaving only the Law Enforcement personnel.

The Chaplain's Office has been led by several men. Among these have been Chaplains Ken Hutchinson, Felix Turner, Thomas E. Crawford and the current Chaplain, LTC (CH) Frank H. Harris.

The Commander of the Combat Support Squadron also serves as the Base Commander and is responsible for functions in the Civil Engineering, Communications, Weapons Systems Security, and Medical units.

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