

HQ GEORGIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD



LINEAGE

STATIONS
Atlanta, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Moore

BG William N. Searcy May 2000

BG John H. Oldfield, Jr (Acting) Jan 1999 May 2000

BG Walter C. Corish, Jr. June 1996 Jan 1999

BG Douglas M. Padgett Jun 1991 May 1996

MG William P. Bland, Jr. Apr 1991 May 1991

MG William P. Bland, Jr. Jan 1990 Apr 1991

BG Ben L. Patterson Nov 1983 Dec 1989

BG James R. Mercer Apr 1982 Oct 1983

BG Joseph M. Chesire Aug 1977 Mar 1982

BG Ben L. Patterson May 1975 May 1977

BG Cleveland J. Perkins, Jr Nov 1971 May 1975

BG Joel B. Paris III Mar 1971 Nov 1971

BG Paul S. Stone Feb 1963 Mar 1971

BG Homer R. Flynn Jan 1959 Jan 1963

BG James C. Grizzard Jul 1957 Jan 1959

BG Homer Flynn Feb 1955 Jul 1957

2009 Maj. Gen. Scott Hammond Commander, Georgia Air National Guard

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

1 Jul 75 - 30 Jun 78

1 Oct 80 - 30 Sep 82

1 Jan 83 - 31 Dec 85

1 Mar 88 - 28 Feb 90

1 Mar 93 - 28 Feb 95

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

2 Dec 68-14 Mar 70

EMBLEM

On 12 March 1992, the Headquarters, Georgia Air National Guard emblem was approved by the Air Force Historical Research Agency.

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

Blue and 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 boar's head on the wreath is the crest for the Georgia Air National Guard and reflects the unit's heritage. The lightning flash symbolizes communications units. The flight symbols in formation denote the flying units of the Headquarters.

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

The Headquarters unit of the Georgia Air National Guard received its "license" to operate 1 January 1952 when federal recognition was received from the National Guard Bureau. Operated as a staff function of the Adjutant General's office; the unit was under the direct command of the AG. Prior to this time, Air Guard operations had been under the Air Section, State Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment.

On February 2, 1955, then Governor Marvin Griffin, signed into law the Georgia Military Forces Reorganization Act of 1955. This act created the posts of Assistant Adjutant Generals for Army and Air. Colonel Homer Flynn, former Public Information Officer of the State Department of Defense, was named the first AG - Air with a promotion to Brigadier General.

Various forms of organization evolved over the years with command under individuals with titles such as Air Administrative Staff Officer, Senior Air Instructor, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Chief of Staff. Today the Headquarters is organized under the Commander, Air National Guard who is also the Assistant Adjutant General for Air. There is a Vice Commander with four Directorates - Support, Operations, Force Management, and Resource Management. Also on staff is the Inspector General (IG), the State Air Surgeon, and State Judge Advocate. The Executive Support Staff Officer (ESSO) is a full-time guardsperson who manages day to day Headquarters activities.

In 1977, the Headquarters Unit began to function in its role as the Command element, commanding and controlling all activities of Air National Guard units within the State. The HQs was responsible for preparing guidelines for ANG unit support of civil disturbance operations at the direction of the TAG. HQs is responsible for writing plans for contingencies, natural disasters, civil disturbances, emergency communications, and mobilization of ANG resources to active duty service. 1982 saw the inception of Staff Assistance Visits to monitor unit performance. Today these visits have evolved into problem solving/feedback sessions versus early emphasis on adherence and compliance to HQ guidelines.

When the floods hit Southwest Georgia in 1994, Operation CRESTED RIVER, the HQs unit manned the Emergency Operations Center to marshal State Air Guard resources to respond to the needs of the commanders in the field. That same year saw the commencement of the State Department of Defense Strategic Plan. HQs played a major role in the development and ongoing maintenance of the Strategic Plan.

1995 planning started for the largest use of National Guard resources for a civil event with the

nearing of the 1996 Summer Olympics in Georgia. Headquarters, Georgia Air National Guard played a significant role in the coordination, command and control and direction of all Air National Guard involvement for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. The 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games was the largest domestic use of Air National Guardsmen in the history of the National Guard. Air Guard units from more than twelve states sent security assets to supplement the more than 10,000 Army and Air National Guardsmen on the streets of Atlanta for the Games. Olympic venues throughout the state used Air National Guardsmen in various capacities. Air National Guard units throughout the state utilized high-tech equipment, mobile assets, facilities and personnel to facilitate the two-week international sporting event. A major secondary venue for Air Guard involvement was the Olympic maritime events in Savannah at which the 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard was the lead agency in coordinating all military activities. At the completion of the Games in Atlanta, more than 500 Georgia Air National Guardsmen received the Olympic Service Ribbon for their service in the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games.

In January 1997, the unit moved to its present location at 1388 First Street, Building 840, Dobbins ARB, Georgia. Prior to that time, the unit was located at 935 East Confederate Avenue, SW Atlanta. The mission of the Headquarters unit is to support the Commander, in the command, control, and direction of the Georgia Air National Guard, in providing combat ready units to the Department of Defense and military capability to the State of Georgia.

Georgia National Guardsmen from State Headquarters and throughout the state were involved in a two year Georgia National Guard initiative to redesign the Georgia National Guard entitled "Headquarters 21." The program focused upon a review of the critical processes affecting all Georgia National Guardsmen.

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