

# **108<sup>th</sup> ATTACK SQUADRON**

## **LINEAGE**

108<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron  
Redesignated 108<sup>th</sup> Tactical Control Squadron  
Redesignated 108<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron  
Redesignated 108<sup>th</sup> Attack Squadron

## **STATIONS**

Hancock Field, Syracuse, NY

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

152<sup>nd</sup> Aircraft Control and Warning Group  
32<sup>nd</sup> Air Division, 6 Feb 1952  
NEAC, 7 Apr 1952

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS**

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES**

## **UNIT COLORS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **CALL SIGN**

## **OPERATIONS**

MQ-9 Training Facility Opens at Hancock Field The New York Air National Guard's 174th Attack Wing officially opened its new training facility at Hancock Field in Syracuse for airmen who will operate and maintain Air Force MQ-9 Reaper remotely piloted aircraft, reported the Syracuse Post-Standard. During the May 3 ceremony, officials dedicated the 15,656-square-foot building in the name of retired Maj. Gen. Robert Knauff, former wing commander, who died in 2014. Knauff is credited with initiating the wing's transition from flying F-16s to operating MQ-9s, according to a wing release. The facility, the wing's newly renovated former F-16 avionics building, will allow the wing's 108th Attack Squadron to increase the number of students it trains. "In the years to come, nearly 90 students annually will walk through the doors of this building," said Lt. Col. John Knutsen, 108th ATKS commander. Workers began the renovation in May 2014 and completed it in March for a cost of \$3.5 million-some \$2.5 million to \$3.5 million less than constructing a new building, states the wing release. 2015

10/4/2014 - HANCOCK FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- Deactivated 16 Feb 1994, the 108th Air Control Squadron was re-designated four times and also had four name changes. It was first recognized as the 108th Air Control & Warning Squadron on 22 Nov 1948. It was then re-designated as the 108th Aircraft Control and Warning Flight in 1960. Five years later it would be re-designated again to the 108th Tactical Control Squadron. In 1992, the 108th would again get re-designated to the 108th Air Control Squadron. The 174th Attack Wing re-activated the 108th during a ceremony held on Hancock Field Air National Guard Base 5 Oct 2014. Once the ceremony concluded the 108th was once again re-designated to the 108th Attack Squadron. "Coming off of active duty, the thing that impressed me about the squadron was seeing how much it seemed like a family here," said Technical Sgt. David Moskwa, transmission system technician with the 174th Attack Wing Communication Flight. Moskwa joined the 108th in 1982 and deployed to places such as Italy, Portugal and Turkey, during his time with the 108th. Members from the 108th gather annually for a reunion in which they share stories about the time spent in the 108th. "It was one of the best jobs that I ever had," said Moskwa. "I miss it, I really do." The 108th has been involved in numerous operations from 1951 through 1990:

Korean War Mobilization, 1 Aug 1951 to 1 Aug 1953

Berlin Crisis, 1 Oct 1961 to 1 Oct 1962

Swift Strike III, 1973

Desert Strike, 1974

Empire Glacier, 1978

Bold Eagle, 1981

Entry Independence, 1985

Open Gate, 1986

Coronet Nighthawk, 1989

Dragon Hammer, 1990

Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, NY, 1948  
Grenier AFB, NH, 1951  
Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland, 1952  
Sembach/Hamm, Germany, 1961  
Gutersloh Air Base, Germany, 1962  
Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, NY, 1962  
Langley AFB, VA, 1983  
Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, NY, 2014

#### 108 Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

New York ANG

Allotted: 24 May 1946 to ANG

Federalized: 1 September 1951 as 152nd AC&WG at  
Grenier AFB, New Hampshire

Hancock Airport, New York

AC&WS: 1 September, 1951 – 5 February, 1952

Mobilized: 1 August, 1951 – 1 August, 1953

Deployments: St. John's, Newfoundland by Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland

#### 108 Tactical Control Squadron

Syracuse, New York

Control & Reporting Center: 20 August, 1971

Manning: 29 Officers 237 Airmen

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