

116 MISSION SUPPORT FLIGHT



MISSION

The 116 MSF provides complete personnel support in the form of guidance and services to the 16 units located at Robins AFB, GA and three geographically separated units. Personnel support and services provided by the MSF include the following: enlistments and officer appointments; personnel records and data management; awards and decorations; performance reports and promotions; formal training and professional military education management; separations, discharges and retirements; and the issuing of identification cards to service members and dependents. The 116 MSF has three officers and 28 enlisted personnel assigned.

LINEAGE

116 Mission Support Flight

STATIONS

Robins AFB, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

116 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

Col Robert L. Cochran, Apr 1983

Col L. Ronald Reed, Apr 1986

LTC Ronald L. Moore, Aug 1988

Col Jimmy L. Davis, Aug 1994

LTC James R. Patterson, Nov 1996

LTC Gregory G. Ziesenhene

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, an American bald eagle rising Proper, wings elevated and displayed grasping in its talons a key fesswise ward to sinister Argent (Silver Gray) in chief four mullets arced Or, all within a narrow Black border. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "THE KEY TO SUCCESS LIES WITHIN" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "116TH MISSION SUPPORT 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 American bald eagle represents the unit's strength, bravery, alertness and ingeniousness. The stars refer to dignity, glory and honor and the J-Stars flying squadron. The key pertains to success, knowledge and power.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 116th Mission Support Flight (MSF) was officially recognized on 1 April 1989. Since 1983, the unit experienced two name changes resulting in virtually no effect on the unit's mission. The 116th Combat Support Squadron became the 116th Mission Support Squadron in 1987. The current Mission Support Flight is comprised of the Military Personnel Flight (MPF), Base Education and Training Office, Retention Office, and the HRO-Remote Office. The Military Personnel Flight (MPF) provides the unit's core functions. The MPF was previously known, and is still often referred to, as the Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO).

In April 1996, the 116 MSF relocated from Dobbins ARB to Robins AFB without any major interruptions of service to the Wing's members or unit mission. Due to the Wing's B-1 conversion and relocation, the MSF experienced a tremendous and unprecedented demand for personnel support and services. The MPF processed over 300 separations/retirement actions, completed 240 enlistments, and appointed 48 new officers. The Education and Training Office secured and managed 395 USAF formal training course allocations, published 469 formal training orders, and managed 262 end-of-course technical training examinations. The 116 MSF effectively managed the recruiting, accessions, and formal training processing for over 300 newly assigned personnel. These efforts directly contributed to the 116th Bomb Wing's on-schedule declaration of Initial Operational Capability in the B-1 at Robins AFB, GA.

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