

# 123<sup>rd</sup> COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT (SUPPORT)

## 123<sup>rd</sup> COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



### LINEAGE

123rd Communications Squadron federally recognized, 4 Jan 1954

Inactivated, 30 Jun 1957

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Activated Jul 1957

### STATIONS

Charlotte, NC

### ASSIGNMENTS

#### COMMANDERS

*1Lt Wilton L. Hipp*

Cpt Milton JoltXXXXXX, 1952-19536

Cpt Edward E. Schmidt, 1953

Cpt Thaddeus McHugh, 1957

Maj Thaddeus McHugh, 1965-1967

LTC Norris DXXXXXXX, 1967-1973

LTC Winfred Appleby, 1973-1974

LTC Norris Delph, 1974-1976

Maj Henry Youd, 1976

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

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123rd Air Base Group contained support units for the 156th.

On 3 Dec 1953 the 123rd Air Base Group was transferred to the State of North Carolina by Order of the Secretary of the Air Force and under the provisions of the National Defense Act of 1916, as amended. This action, in effect, transferred the 123rd Air Base Group from the Kentucky Air National Guard to the North Carolina Air National Guard.

The 123rd Air Base Group, and subordinate units, played a major role in the North Carolina Air National Guard until its inactivation effective 30 Jun 1957. The Group and subordinate units, at this time, were relinquished to the National Guard Bureau. The reason for inactivation of the 123rd Air Base Group was the allocation of the 145th Fighter Group (Air Defense) and subordinate units to the North Carolina Air National Guard effective 1 Jul 1957.

Inactivated for 1953-1957

Com Flight was called to Federal Active service in 1968 then was deactivated until release of all KYANG units in 1969

1968 Orders for the 123d Tac Recon Wing and all other units of the Ky-ANG (except for State Headquarters) called for 24 months' active duty, unless sooner relieved. Kentucky units affected by the call (with their gaining commands in parentheses) were: Hq, 123d Tac Recon Wing (TAC) Hq, 123d Tac Recon Group (TAC) 165th Tac Recon Squadron 123d Tac Hospital 123d Combat Support Squadron 123d Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 123d Supply Squadron 123d Communications Flight (AFCS) 165th Weather Flight (AWS-MAC)

At that point it also became clear that a number of members of the KyANG would not be moved to Richards-Gebaur with the Wing. The Group Headquarters would be shelved for the time being, the 165th Tac Recon Squadron would be greatly enlarged as an "augmented" squadron, and the 123d Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron would be reorganized and redesignated as a Field Maintenance Squadron. The Combat Support Squadron, Weather Flight, Communications Flight, Tac Hospital, and Supply Squadron would all be inactivated "for the duration."

One fable which survived the call-up was related by members of the "broken up"

Communications Flight. Just before they left Shewmaker for Korea, Sam Duncan, communications superintendent, loudly proclaimed, "Don't worry, men, we'll have that boat (the Pueblo) back before you get there!" When the rest of the contingent from Louisville arrived at Seattle, Wash., for processing overseas a week or so later, who should they find but Sam Duncan and company. The COM men reported they had been visiting the Worlds Fair site in Seattle, and having a very fine time!

As the Kentucky Air Guard turned the corner of a new decade there were many tasks to perform. The Communications Flight made its project replacing the old manual switchboard at Shewmaker with a new automatic one operated by a dial. The 165th Weather Flight went back to work early, as usual, but without their commander, Lt Col Mansfield, who did not arrive back at Louisville until January. He had been serving out a tour of duty in Thailand.

July 1957 . . . Four new units were added to the KyANG, including a Headquarters unit, Air Police, Food Service, Installations and Communications Squadrons.

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AFOUA 1 Jan 1983-31 Dec 1984

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