

159th WEATHER FLIGHT

LINEAGE

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj Perry L. Dunlap, 1 Jan 2001-Nov 15, 2002
LTC Stephen M. Longobardi, 12 Jan 2004

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

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NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 159th Weather Flight meets Air Force and Army wartime tactical and peacetime meteorological requirements. Provides climatological, observation, and forecast information to theater Army brigades or other higher headquarters conducting operations within Florida or deployed worldwide. Also supports needs of the Weather Readiness Training Center.

Their mission is to train wartime ready, professional teams to provide the highest quality meteorological services to varying national, state and local missions. The unit consists of 19 members; three weather officers, nine forecasters, six observers and an information manager. Only one flight member serves full time.

The flight originally provided support to the 53rd Separate Infantry Brigade (SIB) during its annual training periods at Camp Blanding and other deployed locations. Later the Flight picked up responsibilities for weather support of National Guard units from New York and Puerto Rico.

Flight members also support the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee during state emergencies.

The expansion of the Florida Air National Guard continued with the addition and federal recognition of the 159th Weather Flight (159WF) on Dec. 15, 1992. The flight, originally chartered with just 18 members – three officers and 15 enlisted personnel – set up initial operations in an old World War II-era warehouse at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center.

The 159th Weather Flight has participated in Bright Star 95, JRTC 95, Southern Strike 96, Global Apache 97. The Flight participated in the ongoing Global War on Terrorism by also deploying personnel in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Air Force Order of Battle

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