

175 LOGISTICS SQUADRON



MISSION

The 175th Logistics Squadron's mission is to provide safe, timely, courteous, customer support, through highly trained personnel to the 175th Wing. This support includes the delivery of supplies equipment, fuels, transportation, and contracting services. Additionally, the unit provides the capability to generate and assist in the deployment of assigned forces.

LINEAGE

175 Combat Support Squadron, 1974
175 Resource Management Squadron, 1979
175 Logistics Squadron, 1994

STATIONS

Warfield Air National Guard Base, Middle River, MD

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Steven M. Herpel
LTC Thomas Deere
LTC Albert Bicauskis
LTC John J. Jean
LTC Bartlett C. Smetana

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

The current configuration of the 175th Logistics Squadron began on June 15, 1996 with the consolidation of the 135th Airlift and 175th Fighter Groups and with this the merger of the 135th and 175th Logistics Squadrons. Lt. Col. David Stover was named the commander. The squadron consisted of Base Supply, Contracting, and Transportation. In June of the following year Stover retired and Lt. Col. Bartlett Smetana was named commander. He remains the commander as the squadron enters the new millennium. The unit is authorized 212 enlisted personnel and nine officers.

The Supply staff is led by its Chiefs of Supply, Lt. Cols. Steven Herpel (A10) and Edgar McLain (C130) supported by CMSgts. Vincent Danna (A10) and Kenneth Wheeler (C130). This staff leads four flights including Combat Operations Support, Material Storage and Distribution, Fuels Management and Management and Systems.

Transportation's staff consists of Capt. Theodore Himmelberg (C130) and 2nd Lt. Fred Foster (A10) and is supported by its CMSgts. Charles Phillips and Joseph Brosh. This staff leads three flights consisting of Vehicle Maintenance, Vehicle Operations, and Traffic Management.

MSgts. Dana Dowell and Susan Sowa currently head Contracting. The first mention of logistics in the Maryland Air National Guard was in 1931 when the unit's name changed from the 29th Division Aviation to the 104th Observation Squadron. Ill Corps Troops, G.H.Q. Reserve. The transportation area is mentioned because of the addition of modern up to date equipment to include transportation facilities. 1947 brought the mention that the 213th Air Service Unit provided servicing and refueling of aircraft. Meanwhile, during the same period there is mention of the 104th Utility Flight making supply runs accomplishing target towing duties.

Prior to becoming its own squadron, the entities contained in the current squadron were part of the 135th and 175th Combat Support Squadrons. During this era the peace and tranquility of the Baltimore area turned to turmoil as members were brought together for "riot duty" when the city was confronted by civil disturbances. The group was called upon to assist in quelling the disorders, which lasted less than a week. Personnel were used to protect important installations in the city and stand guard over individuals arrested during the disturbances.

The 175th Logistics Squadron journey continues as it has successfully deployed to both continental and overseas locations to support Wing aircraft, integrate with active duty Air Force personnel and provide teambuilding exercises. The squadron has deployed personnel for over 50 deployments since 1981 supporting locations in Africa, Southwest Asia, Europe, and North and Central America.

The "Fighting Jousts" squadron is a team of championship caliber personnel that will continue to provide superior support to the "fighting machines" of the Maryland Air National Guard.

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