

## **177 FIGHTER WING**



### **MISSION**

#### **LINEAGE**

177 Tactical Fighter Group designated and allotted to New Jersey ANG, 1962  
Extended federal recognition and activated, 15 Oct 1962  
Placed in Non-Operational Status, 26 Jan 1968–18 Jun 1969  
Redesignated 177 Fighter Interceptor Group, 27 Jan 1973  
Redesignated 177 Fighter Group, 15 Mar 1992  
Redesignated 177 Fighter Wing, 11 Oct 1995

#### **STATIONS**

Atlantic City Air National Guard Base, Egg Harbor Township, NJ

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

New Jersey Air National Guard

#### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

F-16

#### **COMMANDERS**

Col Robert C. Bolton, #2010  
Col Kerry M. Gentry, Mar 2012

#### **HONORS**

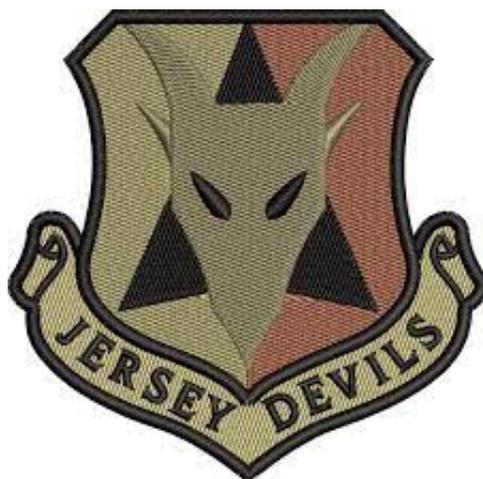
**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## Decorations

## EMBLEM



## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

In support of Operation Desert Storm, thirteen people from the 177th Security Police Flight were activated on 2 February 1991. They remained on home station to augment the existing Security Police personnel to support the increased security posture. All thirteen people have been demobilized.

During the July UTA, the 177th FIG focused their attention on two aspects of Air National Guard membership which are the essence of the Guard experience— service and family.

Nearly all of the unit members who were mobilized during Desert Shield/Storm have returned to the 177th and to their families. Most of them served at various Air Force bases in the United States as replacements for active duty personnel sent to the Persian Gulf theater of operations, and one individual to the region. Most of the mobilized people had very short notice of their call-up and little time to tend to their professional and personal affairs before departing to their active duty assignments. They experienced the turmoil that readiness mission occasionally requires.

The 177 FIG Desert Storm Homecoming Picnic afforded the 177th FIG to proudly welcome these men and women back to the unit and at the same time extend gratitude to their families for their support during the mobilization period.

Operation Desert Shield has commanded world attention since the fateful invasion date of August 2, 1990. Active duty, National Guard and Reserve components have responded in strength in terms of both activations and volunteers to units being deployed both stateside and to the Persian Gulf region. The spirit of cooperation and top flight professionalism which have always been the hallmarks of the 177th FIG was once again fully demonstrated as unit members assisted sister units during this time of crisis and challenge.

Last of 'New' F-16s Arrives at 301st Fighter Wing The last of nine F-16 Fighting Falcons arrived at its new home with the 301st Fighter Wing at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 8. The nine aircraft replaced eight older F-16s that were transferred to the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group, commonly referred to as the "Boneyard," at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. They came to Fort Worth from the Air National Guard's 177th Fighter Wing in Atlantic City, N.J. The transfer began with the arrival of the first F-16 July 31. "These moves help us keep our Air Force's critical F-16 capability here in Fort Worth deep into the next decade," said Brig. Gen. Ronald "Bruce" Miller, the 301st FW's former commander. The jets arrived with about 10 percent fewer flying hours per airframe than the aircraft they replaced. "The aircraft we received have an average of 5,700 flying hours; the aircraft that we sent to AMARG averaged almost 6,300 flying hours," said Chief Master Sgt. Scott Jongewaard, 301st Maintenance Group superintendent. "Swapping those nine aircraft provides the wing with more than 12 years average per aircraft," Jongewaard said. "Our entire fleet is estimated to last now until the year 2030." 2013

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