

## HQ MASSACHUSETTS AIR NATIONAL GUARD



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

HQ Massachusetts Air National Guard

### STATIONS

Wellesley, MA

### ASSIGNMENTS

### COMMANDERS

Maj Gen Michael D. Akey

Brig Gen L. Scott Rice, 2010

Brig Gen Gary W. Keefe

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

### EMBLEM

Per fess Azure and Gris, a fess Or, between in chief two stylized aircraft ascending to dexter chief

one and one Argent, and in base upon a mound Vert, a minuteman with musket to dexter Sable, environed by thirteen mullets of the fourth, all within a diminished border of the third. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "HQ MASS ANG" in Blue 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 aircraft represent the core heritage of the Air Force and the Air National Guard mission and the eventual conquering of flight, their direction pointing upwards denotes the future. The upper background signifies strength, loyalty and confidence and the vision of the air as a platform of defense and is representative of the heritage color of the Air Force and Air National Guard. The Massachusetts minuteman's portrayal within this emblem, along with his rifle, depicts readiness, protection and the willingness to guard his freedoms and those of his countrymen. The thirteen stars represent the formation of the original colonies of the United States of which Massachusetts was part, being the sixth state to join the Union. The lower background represents security and the proud dignity and authority of the Headquarters in the leadership role for the Massachusetts Air National Guard. The minuteman stands atop a hill, which signifies the attainment of liberty. The hill's green color represents the Army's roots of the Air National Guard and is associated with stability, health, endurance and represents solid ground. All of these elements combined represent a proud legacy and service as part of the armed forces to the Commonwealth and the country.

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

At the end of FY92, 2,889 officers and enlisted personnel manne 33 MA ANG units, including the 101st FS flying F-15A/Bs from Otis ANGB and the 131st FS flying A-10s from the Barnes Municip; Airport and preparing to convert to F-16C/Ds.

The Massachusetts National Guard activated more than 1,000 Army and Air National Guardsmen in late March early April 2010, to assist civilian agencies with filling and distributing 33,000 sand bags, performing presence patrols in isolated areas, assisting with emergency evacuations and manning traffic control points during a powerful rainstorm that began March 28 and swept over the region, leading to flooding throughout New England. The Guardsmen were called to State Active Duty in support of Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's declaration of a state of emergency in the Bay State. Guardsmen worked around the clock through the rainstorm, supporting various aspects of the mission, dubbed "Operation Rising Water," providing assistance throughout the hardest hit areas. In total, 54 missions were completed in 23 communities. The conditions were messy and the hours were long, however, they were no match for the determined Massachusetts National Guard Provides Storm Relief Assistance to Communities Massachusetts National Guardsmen. A point that was reinforced by the Massachusetts National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Carter, a few days into Operation Rising Water. "The state of emergency is still in effect for Massachusetts and our mission remains the same. Our troops are driving forward with ongoing operations and will continue to do so until our assistance is no longer required," said General Carter. The missions the National Guard supported were requested by local civilian authorities and coordinated through the Massachusetts Emergency

Management Agency (MEMA). MEMA, in turn, sent the requests for military assistance to the National Guard who dispatched units to the requesting communities to render assistance. The Massachusetts National Guard remains trained, equipped and ready to assist local and state emergency responders throughout the Commonwealth to protect the safety of the Massachusetts people now and in the future.2010

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