

# **HQ SOUTH DAKOTA AIR NATIONAL GUARD**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

HQ South Dakota Air National Guard

## **STATIONS**

Sioux Falls, SD

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Col George Funston 1973

Brig Gen Justin L. Berger

Lt Col Douglas D. Wilson 1 Jan 1982

Col Brian Bade

Brig Gen David Holman

Brig Gen Wayne M. Shanks, April 2010

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Headquarters South Dakota Air National Guard was federally recognized on 1 November 1951. Prior to federal recognition, Col Joe Foss was transferred from the 175th Fighter Interceptor Squadron to Headquarters Chief of Staff. At that time the unit consisted of Senior Staff Officers and Airmen charged with the responsibility of insuring that all Air Units in the State continue to meet the qualifications for federal recognition and maintain the capability to perform their state and federal mission. In the event of total mobilization, the Headquarters staff will provide the administrative and security requirements until the Air Units are demobilized. In addition, Headquarters Staff advises and assists the Adjutant General in the execution of Air National Guard policies and procedures relative to training, logistics, and administration of Air National Guard units in preparation for their deployment.

The unit continued to evolve and grow. In response to these changes, State Headquarters was reorganized in 1966 with a maximum strength of ten officers and five airmen. Some of the assigned positions were Chief of Staff, Administration Staff Officer, Administration Supervisor, Personnel, Personnel Staff Officer, Administrative Staff Officer, Personnel Specialist, Operations, Operations Staff Officer, Air Operations Specialist, Materiel, Aircraft Maintenance Staff Officer, Supply Officer, Aircraft Maintenance Technician, and Organization Supply Specialist. The unit could be augmented with an Adjutant General and Assistant Adjutant General for Air, and a Supply Staff Officer.

Headquarters presently has twelve officers and eleven airmen authorized positions. Some of the positions are Human Resource Manager, Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Classifier, Senior Enlisted Advisor, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Director of Information Management, Communications System Supervisor, Historian, Logistics Officer, Vehicle Maintenance Advisor, Director of Operations, Personnel Officer, Intelligence Officer, Personnel Assistant, Recruiting/Retention Manager, and Director of Plans and Programs.

The unit mission has changed somewhat with the emphasis of the Headquarters Unit to prepare plans, policies, and programs for ANG units assigned to the State of South Dakota; to advise and assist the Adjutant General in execution of these plans; and to assist him in the administration, logistics, and training of ANG units. Personnel will be utilized, as required within the State Area Command (STARC) Headquarters, to assist in mobilization. Even though the unit is not on mobility, the staff does participate whenever possible on unit deployments and training missions.

A typical unit training assembly finds the staff preparing letters, as evaluators during unit s, assisting with the annual Legislative Dining Out, overseeing officer and enlisted promotion boards, convening Award and Retention Boards, assisting customers in the proper preparation of awards, preparing applications for unit awards, researching and preparing oral histories, answering requests for information, and acting as host for visiting dignitaries.

Colonel Ronald W Mielke, Brigadier General selectee, currently serves as the Assistant Adjutant General for Air. Previous Assisted: Adjutant Generals were: Curtis Shupe, Iver Tufty, Dan Roark, George Funston, Harry Tunge, Doug Wilson, Justin Berger, John Olson, Richard

Stich, Fred RittETshaus, Dan Robar and Gale Westburg.

Headquarters maintained its physical location in Sioux Falls until March of 1993. At that time full-time assigned personnel were transferred to Camp Rapid, Rapid City, SD. The unit continues to report for drill in Sioux Falls, SD.

HQ-SDANG COMMANDER – Brig . Gen . David Holman The Headquarters for the South Dakota Air National Guard (HQ-SDANG) is located on the edge of Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls, and is a critical element for all 17 units that make up the 114th Fighter Wing. The unit provides command and control of essential services such as administration, training, logistics and support functions.

With nearly 30 assigned members, the main focus for HQ-SDANG is to support the nearly 1,100 members of the SDARNG, and to prepare plans, policies and programs for its assigned units. With both a state and federal mission, the SDANG can provide combat capable aircraft, aircrew, support personnel and equipment to augment existing active duty forces during times of crisis, national emergency or war. At the same time, the unit must provide resources and a disciplined force to protect life and property during natural disasters, civil disturbances and other emergencies.

During the historic 2011 Missouri River flood, HQ SDANG had nine personnel contribute to the largest joint, state active duty emergency efforts in South Dakota's history. These personnel provided command and control, public affairs support, even levee walking, ensuring the safety and security of the mission. To further develop the joint operations of the state's Army and Air resources, a new Joint Forces Readiness Center opened in July 2011 at Camp Rapid. The facility offers the JFHQ a significantly improved working environment ensuring the SDNG provides the necessary military forces in response to both federal and state emergencies.

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