

116 MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

116 Support Group
Redesignated 116 Mission Support Group

STATIONS

Robins AFB, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

116 Air Control Wing

COMMANDERS

LTC Lois H. Schmidt

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Upon the reorganization of National Guard units in March 1994 to "Objective Wings", Colonel Joe Smith became the first 116th Support Group Commander. The alignment of the following units established the makeup of the Support Group: Civil Engineering Squadron, Security Police Flight,

Military Personnel Flight, Communications Squadron, Services Flight.

Upon Col Smith's retirement in 1991, Ut Col John L. Powers took command. In this new position as Support Group Commander, Col Powers was to play one of the lead roles in the largest aircraft conversion project in the Air National Guard history. Under direction of then Wing Commander, Brig Gen Bruce MacLane, Col Powers commanded a small core of specialists and created the Wing's B-1B Conversion office at Robins AFB. He successfully managed the critical issues for paving a new path from Dobbins ARB to Robins AFB and began the Wing's renovating of older facilities to include orchestrating the beginnings of the new 116th Bomb Wing construction.

It was 13 September 1997 when Colonel John Powers retired and Lt Col Lois H. Schmidt succeeded him. Several years later she made history again.

Challenges continue for the Support Group with the advent of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force, including the splitting of units in support of worldwide operations. Additional deployments and major readiness inspections will continue to task the Group. The year 2000 will also bring the challenge of supporting the Wing's relocation into new state-of-the-art facilities for the continuing missions of the B-1B.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

Created: 16 Jun 2020

Updated:

Sources

Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

Air Force News. Air Force Public Affairs Agency.

Unit yearbook. *Georgia Air National Guard. 1941-2000*. Fine Books Publishing Co. Charlotte NC. 2000.