

165 MISSION SUPPORT FLIGHT

MISSION

The Mission Support Flight provides essential base services for all activities currently assigned or attached to the Wing including four geographically separated units (GSUs) in such areas as Military Personnel, Base Education, Training and Information Management. Often, the MSF personnel are unsung heroes whenever speaking of the combat readiness of the Wing. They steadfastly, serve in the background, providing essential support services, while others are often in the forefront flying, supplying and maintaining unit assigned aircraft.

LINEAGE

165 Mission Support Flight

STATIONS

Savannah, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Richard G. Poppell

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

In the early years, the Base Administration and Personnel functions were combined. The Consolidated Base Personnel Office came into existence upon the split of the Administration and Personnel functions. The CBPO directed the development and implementation of local military personnel policies, including the Base Recruiting office and Base Career and Education Manager functions until 1 February 1995, when they were assigned to State Headquarters. Since then the MSF has been heavily involved in the training and deployment of a PERSCO team.

The Recruiting section made innovative steps when in 1995 it opened a storefront office in Savannah. The office was initially opened to centralize recruiters assigned to the 117 ACS, 165 AW and 283 CCS. At the time of its opening it was one of three storefront offices in the nation.

The Base Education Office has made significant strides in promoting civilian and military education through the Community College of the Air Force and increased the overall awareness of programs which endorse professional military education and college participation. The Mission Support Flight was federally recognized and given its current name as a result of National Guard Bureau reorganizations. All of the aforementioned functions play a major role in consistently maintaining the combat readiness of the 1,600 members now assigned to the 165th Airlift Wing and four Supported GSUs. In February of 1998, Lt Col Richard G. Poppell assumed command of the 165th Mission Support Flight.

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