

# 8173 UTILITY FLIGHT

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

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## STATIONS

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

## EMBLEM

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

There was a small Air Guard organization which remained in Lincoln, Nebraska during this period of mobilization. The 8173rd Utility Flight was no longer needed and was deactivated when the Nebraska Air National Guard units were returned to National Guard status. This Utility Flight, commanded by Captain Elmer E. Herron, had remained in Lincoln throughout the period and were the administrative and property custodians. They maintained one C-47 administrative aircraft for use by the Adjutant General and the Governor. The Adjutant General made several trips to Alexandria, Louisiana visiting the Nebraska Guardsmen during their active duty tour.

The first major task confronting the unit commanders was to rebuild their organizations into full-strength and combat-ready units. Col. John M. Campbell was appointed Chief of Staff for

Air in Nebraska. Major Fred H. Bailey, Jr., was released from Active Duty and returned to his previous duties as the Tactical Squadron Commander and also Base Detachment Commander. Major Donald E. Coy returned to Lincoln as the Air Base Group Commander. The 8173rd Utility Flight, commanded by Capt. Elmer E. Herron, was deactivated with the return of the Air Guard Units. This Utility Flight organization had remained in Nebraska throughout the period. The rest of the Air Guard was on Active Duty. They separated and maintained one C-47 Administrative type aircraft which was at the disposal of the Governor and the Adjutant General.

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