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Located in the Joint Force Headquarters in Sacramento, California, Headquarters California Air National Guard exercises command and control, directs California Air National Guard operations and establishes policy to ensure mission readiness of assigned units. It is collocated and totally integrated with the Office of the Adjutant General, the California Army National Guard, the Joint and Civil Support Divisions and the State Defense Force. This joint integration structure contributes to the successful execution of both State and Federal missions.

After two inconclusive attempts at organizing aviation units in its National Guard (in 1911) and Naval Militia (in 1915), California gained its first Guard squadron in June 1924 when the 115th Observation Squadron was activated in Santa Monica. That squadron was placed on FAD in March 1941 and, as the 115th Liaison Squadron, flew combat operations in India during the last year of World War II. In the immediate postwar period, California was allotted four squadrons, the reconstituted 115th and the 194th, 195th and 196th: the last-mentioned unit becoming in January 1948 the first ANG squadron to be equipped with jet fighters). A fifth squadron, the 129th Air Resupply Squadron, was federally recognized in April 1955 to take the place of the 194th FIS in the San Francisco Bay area when the fighter squadron was transferred to Fresno to operate jets in a less noise sensitive area.

Although the 195th TAS was inactivated in September 1974 to eliminate some duplication of personnel with the collocated 115th TAS, the California ANG retained most of its capability as the 115th TAS was reorganized as an augmented squadron and was assigned twice the normal number of C-130s.

At the end of FY92, 5,588 officers and enlisted personnel manned 64 CA ANG units, including four flying squadrons: the 115th AS flying C-130Es from the Channel Islands ANG, the 129th RQS flying HC-130H/Ps and HH-60Gs from NAS Moffett Field, the 194th FS flying F-16A/B ADFs from the Fresno Air Terminal MAP, and the 196th RS flying RF-4Cs from March AFB.

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