

152 AIR OPERATIONS GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

152 Aircraft Control and Warning Group
Allotted to National Guard, 24 May 1946
Federally recognized, Mar 1948
Federalized, 1 Sep 1951
Redesignated 152 Tactical Control Group, Aug 1953
Redesignated 152 Air Control Group

STATIONS

White Plains, NY
Roslyn, NY, 1959
Hancock Field, Syracuse, NY

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Willard S. Hagalhaas
Col Charles Gilchrist

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Assigned to the Tactical Air Command, the mission of the 152 Tactical Control Group is to command, organize, equip, and administer the assigned elements of the TACS. This includes radar, Communication equipment, vehicles and support services required to provide the capability to control tactical air operations, including air defense and provide the air space management in a tactical theater of operations any place in the world. Composed of nine units in seven states, the mobile personnel and equipment units are tasked for world-wide deployment in support of joint American and/or Allied nation forces. The unit was later relocated to Syracuse ANG Base, New York.

The 152 was federally recognized in March 1948 at White Plains, NY as the 152 Aircraft Control and Warning Group. The unit saw its first active duty in 1951-53 installing the initial radar systems in Labrador, Newfoundland and in Greenland.

152d Aircraft Control and Warning Group: Federalized ANG on 1 September 1951 at Grenier AFB, NH, and assigned to Eastern Air Defense Force; transferred to 32d Air Division on 6 February; transferred to the Northeast Air Command on 7 April 1952.

Following the northern assignment, the unit became a Tactical Control Group with a mission to control aircraft in battle missions against enemy ground and air forces to attain and maintain an

optimum effective capability to carry out roles and tasks assigned; Gathering information on all friendly and enemy air activity; and accurate and timely presentation of that information to be utilized in effective employment of offensive or defensive measures.

For the next few years its large organization included subordinate units in Georgia and Puerto Rico. It moved to Roslyn in 1959, and was stationed here when the next federal call up came in 1961.

Prepared for overseas movement. 7 through 13 November 1961, Conducted movement as part of Operation Stair Step Mission: Provide radar control system for aircraft on offensive tactical missions; Provide instrument bombing system in support of 17 Air Force; Air surveillance and control for air defense system; And maintain capabilities for redeployment and operations from unimproved sites.

Col. Charles Gilchrist, A former Canadian Air Force and 213th GIEEA squadron member, He rose through the ranks to become an officer. He proudly wore his Canadian Air Force wings throughout his career. He was well admired by his peers. He often would talk with enlisted members throughout the squadron and always asked how family members were doing, always by name, we couldn't figure out how he could remember us all. His leadership became legendary. After his retirement he was returned to duty twice to assist station organizations and achieved promotion to full Col., retiring as Group Commander of the 152 Tactical Air Control Group.

The 152 deployed its 2,000 officers and airmen to West Germany for ten months of active service with US Forces there. The unit's radar and communications equipment became, for that period, a part of the NATO team.

1987 The 152 Tactical Control Group is responsible for the leadership of nine subordinate units located in seven states, including the 108th and the 113th Tactical Control Flights also located at Hancock Field. The Group and its units are responsible for operation of Tactical Air Control Systems. This includes the radar, communications, vehicles, and support services required by commanders to direct air operations in the tactical field environment. The Group and its units deploy frequently to perform training and operational exercises. During 1987 they participated both in this country and in the European environment with NATO forces. The 113th deployed to Gulfport, Mississippi, in early March for annual training. While 28 members of the 152 travelled to various locations in Europe to participate in a NATO winter exercise, the 108th spent a week at Fort Drum in April to prepare for an Operational Readiness Evaluation in June. The 152 and several of its units including the 108th, participated in a composite forces exercise SENTRY YANKEE '87 in June. The 108th and two subordinate units received excellent ratings during the Operational Readiness Inspection. Members of the 152 returned to Europe in September. They participated in NATO exercise DISPLAY DETERMINATION while stationed in Cerva AB, Italy. The Group and its units will participate in a number of exercises during 1988 to maintain their preparedness.

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The New York Air National Guard's 152 Air Operations Group is facilitating the state Air Guard's first Virtual Flag training exercise, linking with simulators at sites across the Continental United States and Germany for live, distributed combat training with other Air Force units and Army sites later this month, according to a release. "We are going to have over 100 people from other units across the country participating as well as several units from Germany," said Maj. Kevin Groom, the group's exercise planner. "Personnel will be getting real-world training in a virtual environment," he added. Simulators will be linked through the Air Force Distributed Mission Operations Center at Kirtland AFB, N.M., during the event, which runs Feb. 18-26, states the Feb. 5 release. New York guardsmen will hone their combat management skills running the exercise. The unit, which operates from Hancock Field ANG Base, near Syracuse, plans to conduct Virtual Flags every two to three years. 2015

Subordinate Units as of 1961:

152 Tactical Control Group, Roslyn, Long Island, New York
101st Aircraft Control and Warning Flight, Worcester, Massachusetts
102nd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Providence, Rhode Island
103rd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Orange Connecticut
106th Tactical Control Squadron, Roslyn, Long Island, New York
108th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Syracuse, New York
112th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, State College, Pennsylvania
123rd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Blue Ash, Ohio
Operations: Terminated 19 May 1962
Redeployed: Through July 1962, to Home bases for inactivation

Subordinate units: as of 20 August, 1971

152 TCS, TACC, Roslyn, New York
108th TCS, CRC, Syracuse, New York
112th TCS, CRP, State College, Pennsylvania
123rd TCS, CRP, Blue Ash, Ohio
113th TCP, FACP, Syracuse, New York
128th TCF, FACP, Syracuse, New York

Subordinate Units as of 1982:

103rd Tactical Control Squadron

112th Tactical Control Flight

123rd Tactical Control Flight

124th Tactical Control Flight

128th Tactical Control Flight

213th Electronics Installation Squadron

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