

166 COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON

MISSION

The Combat Support Squadron is responsible for the operation of the base in support of assigned (or attached) units. Members perform a wide variety of functions and services. Career fields currently located in the 166 CSS include chaplain, legal, food services, audio visual, personnel, administration, disaster preparedness, small arms, law enforcement, education and training, and social actions.

LINEAGE

166 Air Base Squadron, 7 Apr 1962

Redesignated 166 Support Squadron 18 Jan 1964

Redesignated 166 Combat Support Squadron, 12 May 1971

STATIONS

New Castle, DE

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Andrews S. LaBonte

LTC Albert A. Poppiti, Mar 1964

LTC Ignatius Decicco Mar 1969

LTC Chesley J. Smith May 1969

LTC Franklin R. Welch, Nov 1972

LTC Robert A. Hotchkiss, Jun 1979

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The Air Base Squadron encompassed many functions, including Supply and Motor Pool.

After the latest reorganization, the authorized strength dropped from 215 to 142, including 11 officers and 131 airmen. Since 1971 the authorized strength continued to decline and current figures are 13 officers and 96 airmen.

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Sources

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Unit yearbook. *166 Airlift Wing, Delaware Air National Guard, 50th Anniversary, 1946-1996.*