

225th AIR DEFENSE SQUADRON



MISSION

Execute integrated Battle Management and Command and Control to counter all air threats in persistent defense of the homeland.

Using over 200 dedicated and shared radar devices, the WADS detects the presence of all air traffic within the continental United States. This information is constantly analyzed by airmen and sophisticated equipment in the battle control center to monitor air traffic 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Identify any aircraft originating from outside of the boundaries of the continental United States and entering into U.S. airspace must be positively identified. All of these aircraft in the WADS area of responsibility are then screened and categorized as friendly or otherwise. Flights originating in the U.S. are only monitored if the aircraft shows abnormal flight patterns or is in violation of FAA flight rules.

The WADS will initiate action on any aircraft identified as an actual or possible threat. Action includes launching fighter jets from the nearest location to get "eyes on" the aircraft, deter further activity and use deadly force if necessary. Jets can also be scrambled to assist aircraft in distress, to help determine if the aircraft is safe to land and to visually monitor the situation.

LINEAGE

225th Air Defense Squadron

STATIONS

Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA

ASSIGNMENTS

225th Air Defense Group

COMMANDERS

Col Brian A. Bergren

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The Washington Air National Guard activated the 225th Air Defense Group during a ceremony at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, according to a Washington National Guard release. Established on May 2, it became the first air defense group in Washington Air Guard history, states the release. The 225th ADG, along with the newly redesignated 225th Air Defense Squadron and newly created 225th Support Squadron, comprise approximately 280 Washington air guardsmen who carry out the mission of protecting the airspace over the western United States in support of NORAD and US Northern Command. This region is NORAD's Western Air Defense Sector. These changes structure WADS, a wing equivalent, more like other Air Force organizations, states the release. WADS is headquartered at McChord. 2015

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Sources

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