

## HQ OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD



### **MISSION**

Ohio Air National Guard Headquarters, located at Beightler Armory in Columbus, coordinates the organization, training and equipping of units, and recommends state implementation of Air Force and National Guard Bureau policies to the adjutant general. Headquarters also administers personnel policies for all members of the Ohio Air National Guard and coordinates the development and administration of federal and state funding agreements necessary to maintain the facilities and services of Air National Guard organizations across the state.

### **LINEAGE**

HQ Ohio Air National Guard

### **STATIONS**

Beightler Armory, Columbus, OH

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

#### **COMMANDERS**

Maj Gen Errol H. Zistel, 1953

Maj Gen Earnest H. Briscoe, 1960

Maj Gen Dale E. Shafer, Jr., 1964

None Assigned, 1971

Brig Gen Robert G. Etter, 1974  
Brig Gen William F. Casey, 1978  
Maj Gen Harry L. Cochran, Jr., 1980  
Maj Gen Miles E. Durfey, 1983  
Maj Gen Francis E Hazard, 1985  
Maj Gen Paul J. Sullivan  
Maj Gen Mark Bartman

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Headquarters staff supported a December 1999 overseas command visit attended by Maj. Gen. John H. Smith, Lt. Gov. Maureen O'Connor, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army William Willoughby, state Rep. Rex Damsschroeder and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve state Chair Phil Gubbins. After first landing at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, the delegation visited members of the 121st Air Refueling Wing at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base; personnel of the 179th Airlift Wing at Seeb-North Airport, Oman; and Hungarian dignitaries at Kecskemet Air Base, where they witnessed the fruits of Ohio's State Partnership Program.

WITH four flying units and seven support organizations constituting the Ohio Air National Guard, the organization closed FY00 with an end strength authorization of 5,014. Flying units conduct day-to-day operations in a decentralized manner with the headquarters element providing administrative support rather than command and control. During this fiscal year, Maj. Gen. Paul J. Sullivan carried the responsibility of assistant adjutant general for Air and Col. Myron G Ashcraft served as Ohio's Air Guard chief of staff. This year, the Ohio Air National Guard led the country in recruiting efforts and exceeded the goal of 100 percent manning, largely due to the tuition benefits offered through the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program. During this fiscal year, the Ohio Air Guard, alongside its active duty counterparts, began support of the Air Force's new Expeditionary Aerospace Force concept. Ohio's complement of refueling, airlift, fighter aircraft and support units augmented flight and support packages tailored to support warfighting commanders in chief. During this re-reporting period, almost every unit in the Ohio Air National Guard deployed members around the world to support Air Force missions. Ohio's Aerospace Expeditionary Force members were vital to

meeting contingency requirements in Bosnia, Kosovo, Turkey, Kuwait and Qatar. Airmen also supported other Air Force operations in countries such as England, France, Hungary and Italy.

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