

HQ DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

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EMBLEM

In September 1980, the Air Force approved the organizational emblem of Headquarters, DC ANG. The emblem was on a white shield, three red (or sky blue) stars in chief, and two horizontal stripes nebuly (cloud-edged) in red (or sky blue) in fess. On the base, the emblem of the District of Columbia National Guard (the Capitol dome in white on a golden sun) on a wreath of the US AF heraldic colors (gold and ultramarine blue). The lettering and narrow edging are ultramarine blue. The basic motif is that of George Washington's personal coat of arms, perpetuated in the flag of the District of Columbia. If desired, the red of those may be changed to sky blue to show the aeronautical character of the organization and to differentiate it from other organizations which may use the flag motif. The nebuly edges of the stripes connote clouds, hence the Air Force's mission.

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Unlike the states, the District of Columbia does not have a governor. Consequently, its ARNG and ANG units come directly under the Commanding General of the District of Columbia.

In September 1941, less than five months after being federally recognized, the 121st Observation Squadron, was placed on FAD. Redesignated 121st Liaison Squadron it flew combat operations in the MTO during the last eight months of World War II. Postwar, the DC unit was reorganized as the 121st FS and since then it has flown nine types of fighter aircraft from Andrews AFB. Since the end 1989, the 121st TFS has been equipped with F-16A/Bs.

At the end of FY92, 1,485 officers and enlisted personnel manning 15 DC ANG units, the 121st FS and 201st AS at Andrews AFB, with the latter providing support for the National Guard Bureau with C-21As and C-22Bs.

As the first military aircraft to respond to the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, the District of Columbia Air National Guard (DCANG) assumed a mission befitting the designation of the DC National Guard – Capital Guardians. Ever since that fateful day, the men and women of the DCANG have kept a watchful eye over their city. As the weapon of choice against any and all potential airborne threats, the 113th Wing has provided combat loaded F-16s for continuous, immediate, and lethal defense of the National Capital Region. The 113th Wing currently dedicates nearly one quarter of its fully mission capable fighter aircraft, and over 70 of its full-time members in direct support of the Air Sovereignty Alert mission. These pilots, controllers, aircraft maintenance, communications, administrative and logistics personnel are on duty 24-hrs a day, 365 days a year. Additionally, the DCANG provides countless other resources and manpower indirectly supporting the overall mission. With the allocation of funding for the construction of a new \$15.5 million alert facility to begin in 2007, the 113th Wing remains committed to the defense of the nation's capital. The 201st Airlift Squadron (AS) is a premier airlift unit providing global support to Congress, ranking U.S. dignitaries, the Department of Defense, the 53 states and territories, the District of Columbia and to allied foreign governments. The unit enhances its capability by flying two state-of-the-art C-40C Boeing 737s and two C-38 Gulfstream 100 aircrafts. The 201st AS sets the standard by serving its customers, the community, and the nation with a dedication to safety and excellence.

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