

HQ FLORIDA AIR NATIONAL GUARD



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St Augustine, FL

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The Florida Air National Guard consists of diverse organizations made up of highly skilled personnel in specialized units from the panhandle to South Florida.

Because of the Guard's unique role, many Air Guard units are tasked with key national defense missions while also having the capability to put their military training to work at home in times of natural disaster. Florida Air Guardsmen deploy around the world and also serve at home, sometimes in their very own communities.

The Florida Air National Guard flies and maintains the F-15 Eagle and performs the United States air defense alert mission. A major role for the Florida Air National Guard is operation of the Southeast Air Defense Sector at Tyndall Air Force Base with the responsibility for monitoring air traffic in the world's busiest air corridor.

Florida Air Guardsmen are also continuing a tradition of giving back to their communities through a variety of community service projects.

The years end, 1 December 1951, to be exact, brought about organization of headquarters Florida Air National Guard at St. Augustine Florida.

Today, the HQ FLANG maintains a staff of 35 positions, consisting of 13 fulltime AGR and military technicians, 15 traditional Guardsmen and seven State employees to meet the demands of providing a state-centric command function for ten dissimilar geographically separate units comprised of more than 1,800 personnel. The headquarters element directs and manages all the Florida Air National Guard component involvement in Defense Support to Civilian Authorities activities (disaster response), recruiting and retention, budgeting and finance, Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) rotation, communications and force management issues for the FLANG.

Just as the United States Air Force can trace its roots to the U. S. Army (Air Corps), the Headquarters of the Florida Air National Guard can look to the Florida Army National Guard for its origin. The "Air Section" of the Florida National Guard was recognized Nov. 25, 1949. Originally authorized three officer and six enlisted personnel, the headquarters maintained a coordination role creating general orders for the 159th Fighter Squadron, the 217th Air Service Group and the 159th Weather Station in Jacksonville. In April 1952, Major Charles F. Riggle Jr., transferred from the Florida Army National Guard to command the headquarters detachment. He served as the Chief of Staff and the Executive Officer until he was appointed as the first Assistant Adjutant General for Air (AAG-Air) in January 1959. He was subsequently promoted to brigadier general April 1, 1962.

On Nov. 1, 2001 the Florida Air National Guard celebrated another milestone in its short history. On that date the command of the Florida National Guard, Army and Air, was placed in the hands of Major Gen. Douglas Burnett, as The Adjutant General. Burnett is the first Florida Air National Guard officer to become the 'TAG,' the highest military appointment in the State of Florida.

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