

HQ WISCONSIN AIR NATIONAL GUARD

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HQ Wisconsin Air National Guard

STATIONS

Madison, WI

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Brig Gen Fred R. Sloan, 2003

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The Wisconsin Air National Guard Headquarters located at the Adjutant General's office in Madison was federally recognized on January 17, 1952 with Capt William Robinson as the sole employee. The present staff of 16 officers and 15 enlisted personnel are responsible for acting

on behalf of the Adjutant General for commanding, controlling and supervising the four ANG units and their facilities within the state. It is the Headquarters responsibility to ensure the combat readiness of the three operational units while also providing supervision and guidance to the Volk Combat Readiness Training Center. Additionally, Headquarters supervises the state recruiting program, provides financial and security management and whenever necessary employs ANG personnel for state missions. The Headquarters is staffed primarily with senior officers and enlisted personnel, many of whom have had prior experience as commanders or supervisors in one of the units.

The staff also provides direct liaison with National Guard Bureau, USAF and Congressional, state and local legislative representatives.

The problems related to creating an Air National Guard unit from scratch were staggering. Facilities, equipment, community support, recruiting, roles and missions all these critical areas needed simultaneous attention. The 126th Observation Squadron, part of the Army National Guard in Milwaukee before WWII, had been inactivated and in 1947, there was no foundation in place for a Wisconsin Air National Guard.

The National Guard Bureau started the creation process after World War II by giving the State an organizational structure with squadron and group number designations, tables of organization, strength requirements and a proposed location at Truax Field.

In October, State Headquarters was awarded a much deserved USAF Meritorious Organizational Excellence Award in recognition of their work from 1979-1983.

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