

# 165 WEATHER FLIGHT

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

165 Weather Station (Type A)  
165 Tactical Weather Forecasting Flight  
**165 Weather Flight (Tac XXXX)**  
**165 Weather Flight (XXXX and Observation)**  
165 Weather Flight (Mobile)  
165 Weather Flight

### STATIONS

Louisville, KY

### ASSIGNMENTS

#### COMMANDERS

1Lt Frank Deland, 1947-1949  
LTC Edward P. Johnson, 1949-1966  
Maj Robert R. Mansfield, 1966-1968  
Maj Donald Engleman, 1975  
LTC Jeffrey L. Peters

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Called to active Federal Service, 10 Oct 1950

Called to active Federal Service, 26 Jan 1968

1968 Orders for the 123d Tac Recon Wing and all other units of the Ky-ANG (except for State Headquarters) called for 24 months' active duty, unless sooner relieved. Kentucky units affected by the call were: Hq, 123d Tac Recon Wing; Hq, 123d Tac Recon Group; 165th Tac Recon Squadron 123d Tac Hospital 123d Combat Support Squadron 123d Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 123d Supply Squadron 123d Communications Flight; 165th Weather Flight.

At that point it also became clear that a number of members of the KyANG would not be moved to Richards-Gebaur with the Wing. The Group Headquarters would be shelved for the time being, the 165th Tac Recon Squadron would be greatly enlarged as an "augmented" squadron, and the 123d Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron would be reorganized and redesignated as a Field Maintenance Squadron. The Combat Support Squadron, Weather Flight, Communications Flight, Tac Hospital, and Supply Squadron would all be inactivated "for the duration."

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The 165th Weather Flight, which had received a "marginal" rating the previous summer, became fully effective. Led by their returning commander, Lt Col Robert Mansfield, they took action to correct their training needs, and added two offices to their space. In April they were rated as "highly effective" by an inspection team from Air Weather Service, followed by staff advisory visits in November and May.

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The Weather Flight and COM Flight continued to blaze a trail by their performances. The COM Flight, rated C-I for more than three years, led by Lt Col Winfred Appleby and Lt Col Norris Delph, continued its effective recruitment and training programs. The Weather Flight presided over by Maj Donald Engleman, aced its MEI by MAC during April and kept its C-I rating going. During their annual inspection in February, the COM Flight did not receive a single discrepancy.

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