

802 MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



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LINEAGE

802 Mission Support Group established, 28 Jul 2009

Activated, 31 Jan 2010

Inactivated, 3 Dec 2013

STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX, 31 Jan 2010

ASSIGNMENTS

502 Air Base Wing, 31 Jan 2010

COMMANDERS

Col Richard H. Houghton

Col William A. Eger, III

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Per pale Azure and Vert a nebulee palewise Or, issuant at nombril a mullet couped Gules, surmounted by a second mullet Argent inner fimbriation of the first; all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "802D MISSION SUPPORT GROUP" in Blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The divided shield represents the earth and the sky. The foundation of this emblem honors the heraldry of the unit. This emblem maintains roots from the first official emblem, approved in 1954, and serves as a reminder of the past. The lone star signifies a shining example of service to guide the way. The three visible points of the star represent Air Force, Army and Navy in joint venture. The two interlocking points of the land and sky signify the strength and united effort of the joint forces serving within the 502d Air Base Wing. The colors formed by the border of the emerging star represent the United States and the forces assembled to protect the serenity of this country.

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OPERATIONS

On 31 January 2010, the 502 ABW took over responsibility as the host unit at Lackland and Randolph. On that day, the 12th Mission Support Group at Randolph inactivated and the 902d Mission Support Group activated in its place. Meanwhile, the 37th Mission Support Group at Lackland inactivated and the 802d Mission Support Group activated in its place. At Fort Sam Houston, the wing assumed IOC on 30 April 2010 when the 502d Mission Support Group (502 MSG) activated. The 502 MSG also provided installation support for Camp Bullis in northwestern Bexar County. The three groups and their subordinate squadrons accomplished the various installation support missions for each JBSA installation. The US Army Garrison at Fort Sam Houston remained active alongside the 502 MSG until JBSA achieved Full Operational Capability (FOC) on 1 October 2010. At FOC, the Garrison inactivated and the Army civilian employees transferred to the Air Force.

7/23/2010 The 502nd ABW got a little closer to establishing itself July 14 here as Brig. Gen. Leonard Patrick, the 502nd ABW commander, was joined by various local and military officials in breaking ground for the wing's new headquarters.

The 25,733-square-foot building will cost approximately \$7.4 million and have a 5.5-acre footprint. Officials are anticipating occupancy in July 2011. "This is truly an opportunity for us to move forward," General Patrick said. "Part of the wing's vision statement is to 'Preserve our Heritage.' I promised I would honor that." The 502nd ABW consists of three major Air Force support elements: the 802nd Mission Support Group at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the 902nd MSG at Randolph AFB, Texas, and Fort Sam Houston Garrison was renamed the 502nd MSG. The new building is being built to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification, said H.D. Eisenhower, the chief of engineering for the 502nd ABW.

"The project team is incorporating a variety of sustainable design elements including extensive use of local (and) regional certified wood, and recycled building materials," he said. "The facility also incorporates sustainable landscape measures, advanced building commissioning, a rainwater harvesting system for irrigation (and) a solar water heating system." The Air Force was directed to be the executive agent for the action in San Antonio and this is the largest single Department of Defense installation. One of 12 joint bases within the DOD, the 502nd ABW officials will oversee installation support at Lackland and Randolph AFBs and Fort Sam Houston.

The 802nd Mission Support Group (MSG) is the largest support group in the continental United States. Its approximately 4,900 personnel provide numerous services including quality facilities, housing, food service, security, communications, contracting, supply, personnel administration, transportation, and community morale and welfare and recreation. The group is made up of seven squadrons and is the only MSG in the Air Force that maintains a flight line operation

On 3 December 2013, the 802d and 902d Mission Support Groups were inactivated at JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph, respectively, and the 502d Installation Support Group and the 502d Security Forces and Logistics Support Group were activated in their place.

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