

805 AIR BASE GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Barksdale AFB, LA, 16 Jun 1952-15 Apr 1958

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Delmar E. Wilson

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

The 805th Air Base Group became a reality on June 16, 1952 under the provisions of General Order 13, Headquarters, Fourth Air Division. The newly designated Group replaced the 301st Air Base Group upon its disbandment. Colonel George L. Robinson was the Commanding Officer at that time.

Colonel Orland G. Huffman assumed command of the 805th Air Base Group on 28 July 1952 succeeding Colonel Robinson who was assigned to the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

Colonel Kenneth O. Sanborn was next to hold the title of Base Commander through the provisions of General Order 9, Headquarters, 805th Air Base Group dated 25 August 1952.

Colonel Orland G. Huffman again assumed command on 24 November 1954 when Colonel Sanborn was transferred to Headquarters Second Air Force as Chief-of-Staff.

Colonel Huffman continued as Commander of the 805th Air Base Group until 12 January 1943 when he was succeeded by Colonel Samuel M. Smith.

Colonel Smith relinquished his command in order to attend the Industrial War College in Washington D. C.

Colonel Delmar E. Wilson, the present Commander, assumed command on 12 August 1954 in accordance with General Order 19, Headquarters 805th Air Base Group, dated 12 July 1954.

In March, the 4238th Strategic Wing, flying B-52s and KC-135s, was designated and organized at Barksdale AFB. The wing was assigned to the 4th Air Division. On April 15, 1958, the 301st Bombardment Wing moved from Barksdale AFB, and the base's 805th Air Base Group was inactivated and replaced by the 4238th Air Base Group. In August 1958, the 436th Heavy Bombardment Squadron (B-52) moved to Barksdale AFB from Carswell AFB, and was assigned to the 4238th Strategic Wing.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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