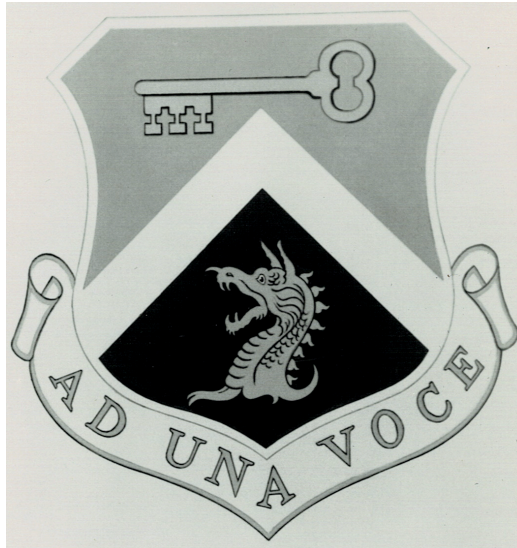


## 2589 AIR BASE GROUP



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

2589 Air Base Group

Activated, 8 Apr 1958

Inactivated, 26 Dec 1961

### STATIONS

Dobbins AFB, GA, 8 Apr 1958-26 Dec 1961

Dobbins AFB, GA, 1 Mar 1968-1 Jun 1969

### ASSIGNMENTS

### COMMANDERS

Col William M. Bower, #1959

**Col James J. Stone, Jr., 25 Jul 1960**

Col Jack Burns

### HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Dobbins Air Force Base, a potpourri of largely unrelated organizations appeared to be approaching a turning point after a long period of transition

Originally an Air Reserve Flying Center where Air Force Reserves and Air National Guardsmen performed monthly training, it kept receiving other tenant units until there were four major air commands--ConAC, ADC, MATS and AMC--and the Navy represented on base. Its mission had changed so over the past decade that the Base Master Plan, drawn up in the early 1950s, had become obsolete.

An example of change at the base was the fast growth of the 32nd Air Division (SAGE). With the demise of the Eastern Air Defense Force the 32nd assumed many of the responsibilities that EADF formerly carried. Implementation of the SAGE concept also accounted for much of the growth, exemplified in the increase from three full colonels to eleven at Division Headquarters in the space of a year. And a final cause of the 32nd growth was a projected super combat center to be built close to Dobbins in the near future.

Such growth of a "tenant" unit created some awkward problems for the 2589th Air Base Group (ConAC) which administered Dobbins. One obvious one was the difficulty in finding facilities to accommodate the 32nd's space requirements. Another example was that while the base Information Office represented Dobbins to the public, it was part of ConAC, whose mission is the Air Force Reserve program, and thus did not accurately reflect the activities of the largest unit on base.

Whether the base would continue to operate much longer as a part of ConAC or switch to another command remained to be seen. Change of some sort seemed imminent; but nonetheless the 2589th continued to administer the base as usual and to cope with the new problems as this history records.

The 2589th Air Base Group performed the same mission during this period as it has since its formation in April, 1958: administering Dobbins Air Force Base and providing all the basic housekeeping functions necessary to keep a base running. While the eleven tenant units concentrated on accomplishing their various missions, the 2589th worked to assure that they had the continuous administrative, financial and logistical support they needed.

The commander of the Air Base Group, Colonel William Mo Bower was also the Base Commander. Under his direct command came three squadron commanders--Headquarters, Support and

Material--and eleven staff officers: Personnel, Comptroller, Base Engineer1 Staff Judge Advocate, Inspector, Administrative Officer, Manpower and Organization, Civilian Per-sonnel, Flying Safety, Chaplain, and Information .. 1 The USAF Dispensary which submits a separate historical report, was also part of the Group.

Besides the off-base units attached to the Group for logistical support, comptroller support, legal support, and the liket2 there were eleven tenant units on base which received varying support from the Group. They were:

1. 445th Troop Carrier Wing (Reserve)
2. 116th Air National Guard Wing
3. Naval Air Station Atlanta

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