

4716 GROUND OBSERVER SQUADRON

MISSION

The Mission of the Ground Observer Squadron is to achieve and maintain the level of operational effectiveness which will enable the unit to perform efficiently the following functions for the Air Division (Defense) under whose control the unit operates:

- a. To observe and report the presence or movement of specified types of aircraft.
- b. To receive and display all reports from observers of the Ground Observer Corps.
- c. To collate reports received from ground observers and resolve such reports into workable tracks.
- d. To pass all collated information to the radar network.
- e. To train observation post supervisors, and where practicable, the individual observers of the Ground Observer Corps to a high degree of efficiency in detection and reporting of aircraft.
- f. To train filter center operators to a high degree of efficiency in receiving, collating, and passing reports of aircraft.
- g. To equip, administer, and prepare for wartime operation the Ground Observer Corps in accordance with the policies and directives of higher headquarters.
- h. To participate in exercises and maneuvers as required by the Commander, Air Defense Command.

LINEAGE

4716 Ground Observer Squadron

Activated 8 Sep 1955

Inactivated 16 Oct 1958

STATIONS

Andrews AFB, MD

ASSIGNMENTS

85 Air Division

26 Air Division, 1 Sep 1958

COMMANDERS

Capt Samuel W. O'Brien, #1957

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Captain O'Brien assumed command of Det No. 2, 4716th GOS in February, 1954. He took over as Squadron Commander, 4716th GOS, Andrews AFB, I March 1957.

The 4716th Ground Observer Squadron was activated the 8th day of September 1955, but did not become operational until 1 March 1956. At this time the Squadron was composed of five Filter Centers located at Charlotte, North Carolina; Durham, North Carolina; Richmond, Virginia; Roanoke, Virginia and Baltimore, Maryland. 1 July 1956 the Filter Center at Roanoke, Virginia, was combined with the Richmond Filter Center to increase operational effectiveness.

Det 1: Charlotte, NC

Det 2: Richmond, VA

Det 3:

Det 4: Durham, NC

Det 5: Baltimore, MD

USAF Unit Histories

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Sources

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