

8142 AIR BASE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

8142 Air Base Squadron
Activated, 1 May 1952

STATIONS

New Castle, DE

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 8142nd Air Base Squadron of the Delaware Air National Guard will be formed 1 May and begin reorganizing the Guard's 142nd Fighter Squadron. The 142nd will complete its tour of federal duty 1 Nov and revert back to the state announced LTC William W. Spruance, commanding officer of Headquarters, Delaware Air National Guard. The squadron will leave behind all of its equipment with which it went into federal service and will have to be reequipped from top to bottom, Colonel Spruance said.

When the Air Base Squadron is created on 1 May there will be opening for 120 airmen and officers, Colonel Spruance announced. "The mission of the 8142nd is to absorb any members

discharged at the expiration of their enlistments or through an early release program the Air Force puts into effect," he said. Airmen who are declared surplus by the Air Force and want release are entitled to this in some cases on 1 May, six months prior to the end of their normal tour of duty, the colonel explained. Other members of the 142nd must complete their 21-month tour. The purpose of the 8142nd is to obtain facilities and members to form the nucleus of the 142nd Fighter Squadron when the bulk of the people return to the National Guard.

The 142nd Fighter Squadron joined the Air Force on 1 Feb 1951. On the first of last month, Colonel Spruance, who volunteered for federal duty shortly after the air guard was federalized, was assigned the task of reorganizing the air section of the state staff and establishing the Headquarters, Air National Guard.

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