

8144 AIR BASE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

8144 Air Base Squadron
Recognized, 15 Sep 1952

STATIONS

Anchorage, AK

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

In Jul 1952, at a meeting for city officials and businessmen at the Anchorage YMCA, National Guard Air Division Commander MG Earl Ricks announced that the government was willing to invest \$1.5 million to establish an Air Guard unit in Anchorage, either at the city's international airport or on Elmendorf AFB.

A quick survey indicated widespread interest in the idea, and on 15 Sep 1952 at the First Unit Training Assembly, there were 11 enlisted men, five officers and no planes. The 8144th Air Base Squadron headquarters were located in a small office above what was then the bus depot on

Fourth Avenue. Because the office was so small, the men convened for their first UTA in a nearby Quonset hut. Lars Johnson was the first commander.

Their first aircraft, a T-6G, arrived in Feb 1953 and Lt. Lucas noted that the arrival provided the unit with their "first real wings" and that "pilots of the squadron will put the recent arrival from the sunny south to immediate use."

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