

# 8165 AIR BASE SQUADRON

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

8165 Air Base Squadron

## STATIONS

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

Capt James H. Quenichet

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## EMBLEM

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

Unit formed during the Korean recall period, 1950-1952 to enlist replacements for KYANG.

One of the quieter aspects of unit history is a brief episode involving a unit known as the 8165th Air Base Squadron. Formed during the Korean Crisis years, the 8165th existed only to take in new recruits while the KyANG was in active federal service. An Air National Guard unit on active duty can only lose strength as individuals are separated or discharged.

Replacements from the USAF are only temporary as far as Air Guard strength is concerned; once the units were returned to state status, all "regular" replacements were sent elsewhere by ordinary "transfer" actions.

A clipping from the Courier-Journal of March 14, 1952, shows a group of young airmen being sworn into the Air National Guard by Capt James H. Quenichet. The story explains the establishment of the 8165th Squadron at Bowman Field (the Vultee Hangar site now housed an Air Force Reserve unit). Among those first recruits were Robert L. St. Clair and Eslie Black—both of whom later became air technicians and valuable members of the military unit with St. Clair in accounting and finance (and civilian personnel) and Black in refueling and, later, supply.

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