

# HEADQUARTERS COLORADO AIR NATIONAL GUARD



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

HQ Colorado Air National Guard  
Extended federal recognition, 1 Nov 1951

## STATIONS

Aurora, CO

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

Assistant Adjutants General for Air  
Brig Gen. Joe F. Meis, Aug 1966  
Col Gale D.V. Stevens, Aug 1971  
Brig Gen Harry A. Serra, June 1975  
Brig Gen William H. Neuens, Nov 1979  
Brig Gen Donald J. David, Jul 1983  
Brig Gen Charles J. Bowling, Jul 1987  
Brig Gen Richard Martin

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

## **Campaign Streamers**

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Headquarters, Colorado Air National Guard is located in the State Headquarters, 300 Logan St., Denver, with additional offices in Building 801, Buckley Air National Guard Base. Its assigned mission is to advise and assist Colorado state authorities in the administration, logistics, training and operation of the Air Forces of the state. This includes planning and employment of the Air National Guard for state missions.

In the chain of command, all units of the Colorado Air National Guard are subordinate to Headquarters, COANG. The "state staff, as it is also known, reports to the Air National Guard Support Center, Andrews AFB, Md., upon mobilization.

State staff members assist subordinate units in maintaining a high state of combat readiness through the conduct of staff assistance visits, and by periodically assuming the roles of inspectors and evaluators for self-inspections or operational readiness exercises. In order for individuals in the unit to maintain a high level of competence, members attend a variety of Air Force schools and seminars as well as deploying with subordinate units as exercise participants, rather than evaluators.

Headquarters, Colorado Air National Guard is committed to maintaining the record of excellence set by all units under its command and control.

The sole flying unit in the Colorado Guard was activated in June 1923 and has remained based in the Denver area except during four periods of federal active duty. During World War II, the Colorado unit remained stateside. Allotted once again to Colorado, the 120th FS on 30 June 1946 became the first Guard flying unit to receive federal recognition after World War II.

The Colorado Air National Guard organized additional units — with a total strength of 207 officers and 873 enlisted men — and received its full complement of aircraft. New units included the 109th AAF Communications Squadron (later designated the USAF Communications

Squadron), 609th Signal Light Construction Company, 137th, 138th and 139th Aircraft Control and Warning (AC&W) Squadrons, 109th Radar Calibration Detachment and the 532nd AAF Band (later designated the USAF Band).

Once again activated during the Korean War and the Berlin Crisis, the unit served in CONUS when a substantial number of its pilots were transferred to active units for service overseas, whereas its activation as the result of the Pueblo Crisis saw it flying combat operations in Vietnam.

At the end of FY92, 1,601 officers and enlisted personnel manned 20 CO ANG units, including the 120th FS and the 200th AS which respectively fly F-16C/Ds and T-43As from the Buckley ANGB in Aurora. Meanwhile, 140th TFW deployments continued. The 140th Tac. Hospital conducted its annual field training in support of USAF personnel at Travis AFB, Calif., in May. Other deployments sent members of the 140th Information Support Flight to George AFB, Calif.; 140th WSSF to El Paso, Texas; 140th CEF to Eglin AFB, Fla., and the 120th Weather Flight to Boise, Idaho. In September, 77 Guardsmen and six A-7s were sent to Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Alberta, for another joint Canadian- American forces exercises, "Maple Flag." While away, the runways at Buckley were closed for long-needed repairs at their intersection.

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