

136 Airlift Wing, Texas Air National Guard

Headquarters and flying squadron located at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth. History (from their webpage)

In the beginning

Wing's Roots

Started in 1943 as 368th Fighter Group, activated for WWII in 1944 participating in actions from France to Germany receiving a *Distinguished Unit Cross* for actions in Europe.

The 368th Fighter Group was inactivated in Germany on Aug. 20, 1946, and became the 136th Fighter Group and was allotted to the Texas Air National Guard; in 1950 they were ordered into active service assigned to the Tactical Air Command and became the 136th Fighter Bomber Group.

In 1951 they were attached to the Far East Air Forces for duty in the Korean Conflict. During the Conflict, the Group was re-designated at the 136th Fighter-Bomber Wing. The Wing operated first from Japan and later from Korea.

Following the Conflict, the Wing was re-designated as the 136th Air Defense Wing in 1960 and were recognized as part of the Air Defense Command. In February 1965, the Wing was reorganized under the Tactical Air Command and converted to the KC-97L aircraft performing a unique air-refueling mission.

In 1978, they converted to the C-130B aircraft and were re-designated as the 136th Tactical Airlift Wing. The Wing then became part of the Military Airlift Command. The new 136 TAW mission was airlift of troops, military equipment, cargo and aeromedical support, and in August 1986 the Wing received the new C-130H aircraft.

On June 1, 1992, MAC was dissolved and became the Air Mobility Command and the Wing was re-designated as the 136th Airlift Wing.

<http://www.136aw.ang.af.mil/history/index.asp>