



# FACT SHEET

## U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing

The Air National Guard is administered by the National Guard Bureau, a joint bureau of the departments of the Army and Air Force, located in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. It is one of the seven Reserve components of the United States armed forces that augments the active components in the performance of their missions.

### Mission

The Air National Guard has both a federal and state mission. The dual mission, a provision of the U. S. Constitution, results in each guardsman holding membership in the National Guard of his or her state and in the National Guard of the United States.

Full time Guardsman supporting the federal mission are referred to as "AGR" guardsmen, and full time workers supporting the state mission are known as "Federal Technicians."

Airmen who work one weekend a month, and two weeks a year are known as "Traditional Guardsmen." These guardsmen are the most numerous, and live and work full-time in the surrounding communities.

### History

The 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing traces its roots back to September 1917 as the 119<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron. The 119<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, an active duty training squadron during World War One, was demobilized in May 1919.

In 1930, the 119<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron was given federal recognition as part of the 44<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, New Jersey National Guard, 119<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron at Newark. In 1958, the 119<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron moved to the former Navy facility in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, and was re-designated the 119<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron. In 1962 the unit became the 177<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Group, the 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Interceptor Group in 1972, 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group in 1992, and finally became the 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing in 1995. The 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing has been activated twice to federal service since World War Two. In 1961, the unit was called up for the "Berlin Crisis" and in 1968 for the "Pueblo Crisis," which sent unit members to all corners of the globe including Vietnam.

Years later, 70 unit members were activated in support of "Desert Storm." As the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> unfolded, the 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, through years of preparation, training and



The New Jersey Air National Guard's  
177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Official Shield.

commitment launched to our nation's emergency and desperate call for help. These Air Guard warriors brought with them the character and core values of generations of heroic citizen soldiers and airmen. Since October 2001, the wing has had an active involvement in Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Northern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Aircraft

F-16C/D Fighting Falcon (1994-Present)

F-16A/B Fighting Falcon (1988-1994)

F-106A/B Delta Dart (1973-1988)

F-105B Thunderchief (1970-1973)

F-100C Super Sabre (1963-1970)

F-86H Sabre (1962-1963)

F-84 Thunderstreak (1958-1962)

F-86E Sabre (1955-1958)

P-51 Mustang

P-47 Thunderbolt

## Units

### 177 FW Headquarters

- 177 FW Headquarters Staff
- 177 FW Financial Management
- 177 FW Judge Advocate General
- 177 FW Safety
- 177 FW Public Affairs
- 177 FW Equal Opportunity
- 177 FW Inspector General
- 177 FW Command Post
- 177 FW Chaplain Section

### 177 FW Operations Group

- 119th Fighter Squadron
- 227th Air Support Operations Squadron
- Operations Support Flight
- Intelligence
- Aircrew Flight Equipment

### 177 FW Medical Group

- Bio Environmental
- Environmental Management Office
- Medical Administration
- Nursing Services
- Public Health

### 177 FW Mission Support Group

- Civil Engineering Squadron
- Communications Flight
- Environmental Management
- Force Support Squadron
- Logistics Readiness Squadron
- Security Forces Squadron

### 177 FW Maintenance Group

- Maintenance HQ Group Staff
- Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- Maintenance Squadron
- Maintenance Operations Flight

