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***Manpower and Organization***

***LA ANG ORGANIZATION, HERALDRY, UNIT DESIGNATIONS, NAMES AND NICKNAMES***

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**COMPLIANCE WITH THIS INSTRUCTION IS MANDATORY**

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This instruction implements and supplements AFI 38-101, *Air Force Organization*; AFI 84-101, *Historical Products, Services and Requirements* and AFD 38-5, *Unit Designations*. It describes all currently approved Louisiana Air National Guard (LA ANG) unit names, designations, nicknames, mottoes, patches and emblems and the approval authority required to establish new ones. It also describes certain restrictions as to the displaying, use and reference to formerly approved unit names, designations, nicknames, mottoes, and emblems. Related issues involving heritage rooms and walls, reunions and decals are also addressed. This instruction applies throughout the LA ANG and may be supplemented by subordinate organizations with the prior review and approval of The Adjutant General (TAG).

1. **Glossary of References and Supporting Information.** See Attachment 1.

2. **Responsibilities.**

2.1. The Adjutant General. Except as specifically authorized and designated by Headquarters United States Air Force (HQ USAF) or National Guard Bureau (NGB), The Adjutant General, Louisiana, shall be solely responsible for establishing, designating or otherwise authorizing the creation or use of wing, group, squadron, or other unit names, designations, nicknames, mottoes and emblems.

2.2. Commanders. All Louisiana Air National Guard commanders must enforce and comply with the requirements of this instruction.

3. **Unit Names, Designations, Nicknames and Authorized Mottoes.**

3.1. The official names and designations of the Louisiana Air National Guard and its principal subordinate organizations are as depicted in Attachment 2.

3.2. In addition, the LA ANG and certain of its subordinate organizations may also reference itself and be referred to by its motto or nickname as depicted in Attachment 3.

3.3. Unless otherwise specifically authorized by TAG, in writing, the use of all other unit designations, names, mottoes, or nicknames to describe or refer to LA ANG organizations is strictly prohibited. Subordinate organizations of the above (such as flights, detachments, sections, elements, and departments) shall not have any nicknames or mottoes and shall only have such names and designations, as specifically provided and/or authorized by HQ USAF or NGB.

#### 4. **Emblems.**

4.1. Unless otherwise specifically authorized by TAG, in writing, the only emblems or patches of the above organizations authorized for use are as depicted in Attachment 4.

#### 5. **Use.**

5.1. All organizational patches, aircraft tail graphics, facility signs, head gear, letter head, electronic bulletin boards, etc., that use emblems, mottoes, names and/or designations shall only refer to the above authorized designations, names, emblems, mottoes and nicknames. All official correspondence and other communications shall also conform to this instruction.

#### 6. **Heritage Issues.**

6.1. Maintaining the heritage of the LA ANG and each of its subordinate units is an authorized and official activity since it builds and sustains esprit de corps. However, maintaining and sustaining such heritage shall in each case be subordinate to the desire to maintain a current and professional image. In that regard the following must be complied with:

6.1.1. A ***heritage room or wall***, if properly and tastefully established and maintained, can be an effective means of contributing to a unit's heraldry and therefore should be encouraged. If the heritage of any LA ANG unit includes an unofficial or former nickname, designation or motto, reference to such may be included in the unit's heritage room or wall provided the current or official nickname, motto and/or designation remains predominant, if not in number of uses, at least in focus (e.g., the title, corner stone display and predominate caption must focus on the unit's current or official nickname designation).

6.1.2. ***Reunions***, can also be an effective means of building and sustaining esprit de corps and therefore should be encouraged. In fact, if properly conducted and with minimal, if not *de minimis*, use of government facilities, equipment and personnel, reunions can be sponsored and supported by the unit as official business. However, the proper conduct of reunions as official business, must include a primary focus on the current or official name, motto or nickname designation of the unit (i.e., the title and predominate caption included on all invitations, circulars, banners, announcements and other printed, electronic and oral communications or displays must refer only to the current or official name, motto or nickname designation and all former or unofficial names and nickname designations must be excluded, or at a minimum with the prior

approval of TAG, subordinated to the current or official name, motto and designation. Unless specifically authorized by TAG, no other reunion activities can be sponsored by any commander or current member of the LA ANG and any use of government facilities, equipment, personnel and official designations and titles must be avoided.

**7. Important Related Matters:**

7.1. *Personal use and displaying of inappropriate unauthorized or conflicting zaps, decals, etc., by members.*

7.2. Commanders shall not intentionally seek out or search for the personal use or displaying of “zaps”, decals, etc. which include former or other unofficial unit nicknames. However, whenever a commander becomes aware of such use or display, he shall personally counsel the member that his cooperation is needed to ensure that higher authority, as well as, foreign, Federal and State military establishments, and the public in general, have a clear, positive and professional opinion of each LA ANG unit and that his use or displaying of any former or unofficial nicknames is inconsistent with this goal. The commander should also stress:

7.2.1. The need for a cooperative and team spirited attitude by all members;

7.2.2. That a positive personal attitude is expected of each member; and

7.2.3. That the commander’s evaluation of each member’s attitude would be considered during all performance appraisals and during all career evaluation processes.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

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Attachments:

1. Glossary of Terms
2. Official Names and Designations of the LA ANG and its Subordinate Organizations
3. Approved Mottos and Nicknames of the LA ANG and its Subordinate Organizations
4. Official Emblems and Patches of the LA ANG and its Subordinate Organizations

## Attachment 1

### GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### *References*

AFI 38-101, *Air Force Organization*

AFI 84-101, *Historical Products, Services and Requirements*

AFPD 38-5, *Unit Designations*

#### *Terms*

**Unit.** A military organization constituted by directives issued by HQ USAF. A unit is either named or numbered. A unit helps provide for an unbroken chain of command since military personnel must be assigned to a unit at all times. Each unit having military members must have an officer designated as its commander. While civilians in a unit may hold supervisory positions and provide work direction, they cannot assume military command.

**Detachment.** Part of a unit that is separated geographically from its parent unit. Although not a unit for organizational purposes, it has legal standing under the Uniform and Louisiana Codes of Military Justice if a commissioned officer is on duty and appointed on orders as commander.

**Section or Element.** A subdivision of a unit, squadron or flight, normally not considered a unit since it does not include a commander but is supervised by a chief.

**Wing.** A level of command below the numbered Air Force. A wing has approximately 1,000 to 5,000 persons. A wing may be either an operational wing, an air base wing, or a specialized mission wing. The only wing in the LA ANG is the 159 FW, an operational wing.

**Group.** A level of command below the wing. It is a tactical echelon without significant staff support. A dependent group is a mission, logistics, support, medical, or large functional unit, for example, civil engineers, security police, and so on. Such groups may possess small supporting staff elements, such as standardization and evaluation or quality control, that are organized as sections. They may also contain specialized flights such as an operations support aircraft flight. A group has approximately 500 to 2,000 persons.

**Squadron.** The basic unit in the Air Force and the LA ANG. A squadron may be either a mission unit, such as an operational flying squadron, or a functional unit, such as a civil engineer, security police, or maintenance squadron. Squadrons vary in size according to responsibility. A squadron has approximately 50 to 750 persons.

**Flight.** The principal subdivision of a squadron. If internal subdivision is required, a flight may consist of sections, then elements. A flight may be either a numbered flight, an alpha flight, or a functional flight.

**Numbered Flight.** The lowest level unit in the Air Force. A flight primarily incorporates smaller elements into an organized unit. Its administrative characteristics, such as strength reporting, are like those of a squadron.

**Alpha Flight.** Part of a squadron (usually a mission squadron) and composed of several elements performing identical missions. Because an alpha flight is not a unit, it is not subject to unit reporting.

**Functional Flight.** Usually part of a squadron and composed of elements performing specific missions. Because a functional flight is not a unit, it is not subject to unit reporting.

**Emblem.** An officially approved symbolic design portraying the distinctive history, mission, and/or general function of an organization. It is an important, abiding element of the organization's heritage. Only authorized emblems may be worn or displayed as unit patches.

**Heraldry.** The heraldry of a specific organization consists of its emblem, its motto (if any), its designation, and the patch or disc of a unit.

**Motto.** Part of the heraldry of an organization. It is usually a unit's nickname or otherwise expresses in a word or short phrase the organization's goals, ideals, or principles. Only authorized mottoes may be used or otherwise displayed.

**Attachment 2****OFFICIAL NAMES AND DESIGNATIONS OF THE LA ANG AND ITS  
SUBORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS**

Louisiana Air National Guard or LA ANG

Headquarters, Louisiana Air National Guard or HQ LA ANG

159<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing or 159 FW

122<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron or 122 FS

236<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron or 236 CBCS

214<sup>th</sup> Engineering Installation Squadron or 214 EIS

122<sup>nd</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron or 122 ASOS

259<sup>th</sup> Air Traffic Control Squadron or 259 ATCS

**Attachment 3**

**APPROVED MOTTOES AND NICKNAMES OF THE LA ANG AND ITS  
SUBORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS**

LA ANG	“Bayou Militia”
159 <sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing	“Bayou Militia”
122 <sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron	“Bayou Militia”
236 <sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron	“Cajun Communicators”
259 <sup>th</sup> Air Traffic Control Squadron	“Cajun Control”

Attachment 4

OFFICIAL EMBLEMS AND PATCHES OF THE LA ANG AND ITS SUBORINATE ORGANIZATIONS









259TH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SQUADRON

