

Brig. Gen. Richard B. Posey
USAF, Ret.
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Brigadier General Richard B. Posey distinguished himself by making unique and exceptionally meritorious contributions to the Pennsylvania Air National Guard during a military career that spanned four decades. After flying 22 B-17 combat missions in the European Theatre during World War II, General Posey returned to Pennsylvania to begin an illustrious career in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. He was selected to serve as the squadron commander of the newly authorized 148th Fighter Squadron, Spaatz Field, Reading and spearheaded an aggressive recruiting effort to bring the new unit to 25% strength, which was necessary to obtain federal recognition. In less than two months the required strength was achieved, the 148th received federal recognition and began training as a unit of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.

As one of the early leaders of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Posey was instrumental in developing training and administrative policies, operational concepts, and safety programs which became the cornerstone of Air National Guard operations within the State. He served as a key member of the National Guard Association Airlift Sub-committee which studied the military airlift capabilities and needs of the Reserve forces and was a key player in identifying the roles and missions which would be assigned to the Air National Guard, nationwide. He also served as the Senior Air Force Reserve member of a Total Force Study that encompassed the entire spectrum of defense planning for all services. His skilled expertise afforded the Study Group a most valuable source of information regarding Air Guard concepts, doctrine, and employment. These two national level assignments depict service which affected military decisions at the National Guard Bureau and Department of Defense level and contributed directly to the upgrading of mission readiness capabilities of the Air National Guard nationwide and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.