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### **New Cyber Mission, New Era for 102nd Intelligence Wing**

**OTIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Cape Cod, Mass.** – The 102d Intelligence Wing is joining the fight against cyber threats with its new mission to provide cyber intelligence here on Cape Cod.

Col. James M. LeFavor, Commander, of the 102d Intelligence Wing, is pleased to announce the addition of a new Cyber Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Group to the wing's current missions. Reflecting the Air Force's firm commitment to combating cyber threats, the 102d's Cyber ISR group will support U.S. Cyber Command's defense efforts and freedom of movement in cyberspace. The group will focus on the analysis and dissemination of intelligence information related to foreign actors' cyber programs and capabilities, and their impact on national security, as well as, the network characterization and vulnerabilities of foreign information systems.

“In other words, it’s an additional intelligence mission that complements what we already do great in this wing...collecting and analyzing the capabilities and intentions of our enemies.” said Colonel LeFavor. “We currently do this with our Distributed Ground Station mission. This time, we will process intelligence on those who would try to harm us via the cyber domain.”

The 102d will lose two missions with the 2016 closure of both the 267<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron and the 102d Air Operations Group. The addition of the Cyber ISR Group will help to offset the reduction of positions, which will now be less than 40 overall.

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“The announcement for our new Cyber Intelligence mission is very exciting for our entire wing. This mission complements the other key missions of our organization as an Intelligence Wing and provides an incredible opportunity for force development of our Airman. It not only ensures viable and varied skillsets for throughout their career, but serves as a key force provider to our interest as a nation,” said Col Virginia Doonan, Vice Wing Commander, 102d Intelligence Wing.

The group will focus on digital network exploitation analysis and digital network intelligence, enabling computer network operations and providing ISR support to both 25<sup>th</sup> Air Force and U.S. Cyber Command. The new unit is anticipated to have approximately 200 military members with cutting edge cyber intelligence and digital fusion analyst skillsets.

Congressman Bill Keating, Ranking Member of the Terrorism Subcommittee and Member of the Homeland Security Committee, said, "I am extremely proud to join JBCC in formally announcing the establishment of the new Cyber Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group. The new ISR unit will provide our Airmen the essential resources to support US Cyber Command's efforts to combat enemy capabilities. JBCC's current capacity to carry out ISR operations, the diligence of the men and women stationed there, and the Air National Guard's new state-of-the-art facility makes it an ideal location for this new mission. As a long-time advocate for JBCC and the cyber mission, I am confident that today's announcement will ensure the development of JBCC into a unique, regional hub for intelligence collection and cyber security that is vital in protecting our homeland and service members globally. I applaud the continual work and indomitable spirit of the Guardsmen at JBCC and all those who work in cybersecurity to keep our nation safe."

Individuals interested in career opportunities with this unit or the Massachusetts Air National Guard should contact a recruiter at 508-968-4500 or 508-737-4210.