

104th AIR CONTROL SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

104th Tactical Control Squadron activated, 9 Jun 1971

104th Air Control Squadron, 16 Jun 1992

STATIONS

Klamath Falls, OR

North Bend AFS, OR

Coos Head ANG Station, Oregon

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Major John Carter

LTC Wayne C. LeCours, #1991

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 1979

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OPERATIONS

Two units, the first to be formed outside of Portland, were located at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls. They were the 104th Tactical Control Squadron (CRP), commanded by Maj Bill Stonecypher, and the 104th Tactical Control Flight (FACP), commanded by Capt Gary Pedersen.

The organization began with federal recognition on June, 19, 1971. Two units, the 104th TCS (CRP) and the 104th TCF (FACP), were organized. A major reorganization occurred in 1976, forcing the inactivation of the 104th TCS on March 31st and the redesignation of the flight as the 104th Tactical Control Flight (FACP-H).

In August, they deployed to Reecer Creek, Washington in support of a Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) exercise called Brave Shield XIV. After the exercise, the 104th was recognized as the best unit in camouflage and concealment techniques.

By the middle of the decade, the units would be caught in the post-Vietnam drawdown, and by 1976 only the 153 TACC, 116 TCS, and a reorganized 104 TCF would remain. This drawdown continued with the later elimination of the 153rd.

1977 began to see the culmination of many years of hard work by the 104 TCS. They were selected as the first FACP to participate in Red Flag exercises in Nevada. They were awarded the Oregon Outstanding Unit Award in June. In July, they received the USAF Outstanding Unit Award.

October, 1980: Oregon Governor Victor Atiyeh announced the relocation of the 104 Tactical Control Flight from Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, to North Bend on the Oregon Coast.

January, 1981: The 104 TCF successfully deployed to Eielson AFB, Alaska to participate in the Joint Chiefs' exercise "Brim Frost". Shortly thereafter, the unit began to prepare for their permanent

move to the recently-vacated Air Force radar station at North Bend.

In June 1981 the unit was relocated from Klamath Falls to North Bend AFS on the Oregon coast. In April 1984 the unit obtained 100 percent manning for the first time since its relocation due in part to an aggressive recruiting effort.

In June 1987 the 14th TCF/OLAA was established at Kingsley Field, Oregon to provide radar control for the growing fighter training mission there.

In March 1988 the unit relocated to Coos Head ANG Station, Coos Bay, Oregon, and in October it was redesignated the 104th Tactical Control Squadron.

The unit's primary equipment is the AN/TPS-43E radar, AN/TRC-97 wideband radio, AN/TSC-60 high frequency radio, AN/TGC-27 communications van, AN/TSC-94 satellite communications set, and AN/TSQ-61X operations van.

The 104th was recognized with an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 1979 and was awarded the Oregon Air National Guard Minuteman Trophy in 1980, 1982 and 1983.

The 104th TCS has participated in many exercises, including "Brim Frost" in Alaska and the 114th TFTS' annual "Sentry Eagle."

Inactivating as a unit on 30 September 1996. Approximately two-thirds of its personnel returned to positions at Kingsley Field after the unit's Inactivation and the build-up of the 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron (ATCS).

104 Tactical Control Squadron
Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Oregon ANG
Activated: 19 June, 1971
Control & Reporting Post: 20 August, 1971
Manning: 27 Officer, 213 Airmen
Equipment MPS-11, TPS-40
Inactivated: 31 March 1976

104 Tactical Control Squadron
Reorganized and redesignated: 104th AC&WS, 16 June 1952

Klamath Falls, OR
104 Tactical Control Flight
Forward Air Control Post
Constituted and allotted to the Oregon Air National Guard: 19 June 1971
Kingsley Air Force Station, Klamath Falls, Oregon
Subordinate to: 153rd Tactical Control Group.
Redesignated: 104th Tactical Control Flight (Forward Air Control Post - Heavy) 1 April 1976

Reassigned to: 154th Tactical Control Group

Relocated: North Bend Air National Guard Station, North Bend, Oregon, 1 June 1981

Relocated: Coos Head Air National Guard Station Coos Head, Oregon, 21 March 1988

Redesignated: 104th Tactical Control Squadron 15 October 1988.

104 Tactical Control Flight

Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Oregon

Activated: 19 June, 1971

Forward Air Control Post: 20 August, 1971

Manning: 5 Officer, 43 Airmen

Activated: 19 June, 1971

Relocated: North Bend Air National Guard Station

June, 1981

Deployed: Pedro Dome, Alaska, Brim Frost January 1983

Relocated: Coos Head Air National Guard Station Coos Head, Oregon,
March, 1988

Manning: 5 Officers, 36 Airmen

Subordinate to: 154th TCG

Inactivated: 15 October, 1988

Redesignated: 104th Air Control Squadron on 16 June 1992

Equipment: TPS-44, TPS-43E

104 Tactical Control Squadron - OLAA

Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Oregon

104 Air Control Squadron

Redesignated: 16 June, 1992

Deactivated: 30 September 1996

Equipment: TPS-75

104 Tactical Control Squadron CRP and 104 Tactical Control Flight FACP Forward Air Control Post were activated by Oregon Air National Guard at Kingsley Field Klamath Falls with federal recognition on 19 June 1971 assigned to 153 Tactical Control Group. Following a major reorganisation 104 Tactical Control Squadron CRP was inactivated and 104 Tactical Control Flight FACP was redesignated 104 Tactical Control Flight FACP H Forward Air Control Post Heavy and reassigned to 154 Tactical Control Group on 31 March 1976.

104 TCF FACP undertook Exercise Brave Shield XIV at Reecer Creek Washington in August 1976 where they were recognized as the best unit in camouflage and concealment techniques. 104 TCF were selected as the first FACP to participate Exercise Red Flag at Nellis AFB Nevada in 1977.

104 TCF undertook Exercise Brim Frost at Pedro Dome Eielson AFB Alaska in January 1981 and relocated to North Bend AFS Radar Station vacated by active service USAF units in June 1981. 14

TCF established Operating Location AA OLAA back at Kingsley Field to provide radar control for the growing fighter training mission at the airfield.

104 TCF relocated to Coos Head ANG Station Coos Bay in March 1988 and was redesignated 104 Tactical Control Squadron in October 1988. 104 TCS continued its participation in exercises including Brim Frost in Alaska and the 114 TFTS Tactical Fighter Training Squadrons annual Exercise Sentry Eagle. 104 Tactical Control Squadron was inactivated on 30 September 1996.

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