

# 121 AIR CONTROL SQUADRON



## **MISSION**

The 121 Air Control Squadron is a mobile unit that provides airborne command and control capability from any deployed location.

## **LINEAGE**

121 Air Control Squadron, 16 Jun 1992

## **STATIONS**

Jefferson Barracks, St Louis, MO

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

### **COMMANDERS**

Maj Harold B. Dulin

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

After 11 years without funding, program change approval called for the activation of the 121st Air Control Squadron in 2010. The unit is comprised of 185 military positions. Staffing, training and equipping the unit are ongoing efforts; 78 percent of the required military positions have been filled and 90 percent (\$40.6 million) of the unit's primary mission equipment have been received and accepted.

The 121st ACS purchased and installed a 77-foot tower for the purpose of mounting the AN/TPS-75 radar antenna.

The site support team from Air Combat Command conducted in-garrison hands-on training classes on primary mission equipment for 121st ACS maintenance and operations personnel. The 121st hosted class 11-1 AN/TPS-75 Radar Consolidated hands-on training customarily held at Luke Air Force Base.

V-500.5 MCE software upgrade training from P3I incorporated, which represented a major system capability enhancement over the legacy system capabilities. Since June 2010 the unit has gone from zero qualified operations personnel to 16 mission ready individuals and 14 additional in initial qualification training.

Supported Missouri State Emergency Missions Bitter Rain and Operation Northern Tide with both equipment and manpower throughout the fiscal year.

NATO Exercise Ramstein Rover at Volk Field, Wisconsin - Involved live fighter, bomber and tanker aircraft to provide real-world Operation Enduring Freedom training to multiple International Security Assistance Forces Joint Terminal Attack Controller teams from 12 countries prior to deploying to Afghanistan.

Navy's Fleet Synthetic Training Group and Warfare Commander/Joint Exercise -augmented the 123<sup>rd</sup> ACS during their annual training participation as the Air Force tactical command and control node.

Navy Fleet Synthetic Training Joint - Carrier Group Exercise at the Distributed Mission Operations Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Integration of 121st and 123rd Air Control Squadrons with Marine Air Control Squadron 1 with embedded air defense artillery fire control officers provided an opportunity for Missouri Airmen to work with active duty Marines and Soldiers.

Provided manpower to Pacific Air Forces, US Air Forces in Europe, US African Command, Central Command, National Guard Bureau and civil agencies in support of current operations worldwide

In addition to global support, the unit provided largescale presence in major exercises: 88 personnel participated in Terminal Fury; 35 in Talisman SABRE.

Ten members deployed to the Korean peninsula in support of Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Inspector General as part of an operational readiness inspection team tasked with assessing the 7th Air Force AOC during an annual Key Resolve/Foal Eagle exercise

Hosted Virtual Flag 10-1 exercise. First air reserve component to lead the synchronization of multiple, geographically separate units into a virtual simulated theater environment to exercise the array of air operations command and control functions

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