

121st AIR CONTROL SQUADRON



LINEAGE

STATIONS

Jefferson Barracks, St Louis, MO

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

121st Air Control Squadron

Allotted: 24 May 1946 to ANG
November 1951 – 1952

121 Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Ohio ANG

Mobilized: 1 November, 1951 – 1 November, 1953

Redesignated: 1952, Tactical Control Squadron

121 Tactical Control Squadron

Redesignated: 1952, From 121st Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron

Note: 1952, Began operations at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

Tactical Control Flight

(?) – 15 October, 1988

121 Air Control Squadron

Redesignated: ACS 16 June, 1992

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The 157th provided skilled manpower to Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, U.S. Africa Command, U.S. Central Command, National Guard Bureau and civil agencies in support of current operations worldwide:

Deployed 22 Airmen to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii and Yokota Air Base, Japan in support of Operation Tomadachi, a joint/coalition response to a massive earthquake and tsunami affecting northern Japan in March 2011.

Deployed eight Airmen in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and two in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

Ten Airmen joined US allies and military planners from over 24 nations to participate in Exercise Cobra Gold 2011, in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Deployed 77 Airmen to 613th AOC at Hickam Air Force Base in support Terminal Fury, a U.S. Pacific Command-sponsored exercise.

Deployed five Airmen to Canberra, Australia in support of joint Australia-United States exercise Talisman Sabre.

Deployed six Airmen to the Republic of Korea as Air Component liaisons to the combined forces commander and subordinate components for exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian.

The 157th also provided a ready force of Airmen at the tactical and operational levels of crisis response for emergency operations within Missouri: Bitter Rain, Easter Twister, Rising Tide, Southwest Twister, and Northern Tide; also contributed significantly to the 2011 National Level

Exercise.

After 11 years without funding, program change approval called for the reactivation 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.

121st Air Control Squadron deployments and major exercises:

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 123rd 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.

121st TACTICAL CONTROL SQUADRON

At this point in the development of the European TAGS, a parallel situation developed in that the 526th TCG was activated at Spangdahlem AB on 1 November 1953. Its operational component units were the 619th TCS (Toul-Rosiers AB, France), the 604th AC&WS (Freising, Germany),

the 615th AC&WS (Pruem, Germany), and the 616th AC&WS (Ulm, Germany). These subordinate units came from several sources. For instance, the 604th AC&WS had originally been Company "D" of the 555th and was assigned to the 501st TCG prior to 15 July 1952. At this time, control of the 604th passed to the 155th TCG prior to being assigned to the 526th TCG in November 1953. Conversely, the 619th TCS was a newly activated unit which took over the personnel and equipment of the just inactivated 121st TCS; an National Guard unit whose main element arrived in Europe on 4 November 1952. In any event, like the 501st TCG, the 526th reported directly to Twelfth Air Force under USAFE.

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The 121st Air Control Squadron is a mobile unit that provides airborne command and control capability from any deployed location. Although the unit is still waiting for official approval to re-activate, the 121st Air Control Squadron transition team has been staffed and is leaning forward to prepare for the new mission.

121st Air Control Squadron

Jefferson Barracks

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

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources