

# 123<sup>rd</sup> AIR CONTROL SQUADRON



## **LINEAGE**

123rd Tactical Control Squadron

## **STATIONS**

Blue Ash, OH

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Steven Breifelder

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc per fess embattled Azure and Vert, a Roman warrior grasping a sword in sinister hand and a shield in dexter. The armor, shield and shadows on the warrior are Sable; helmet, belt and pleats Or; skin tone, sword and plume on helmet Silver Gray, surmounted in base by a star of the first winged Yellow, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Red scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "ONE TEAM ONE FIGHT" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Red scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "123D AIR CONTROL SQ" in Black letters.

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The Roman warrior represents Cincinnatus, the citizen soldiers of the National Guard and their patriotism. The winged star signifies the aerial portion of the unit's mission. The embattled wall symbolizes the defense of the homeland.

## **MOTTO**

ONE TEAM ONE FIGHT

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 123rd Air Control Squadron (ACS), located at Blue Ash Air National Guard Station in Cincinnati, is a mobile Control and Reporting Element Equipped with air surveillance radar, generators, tactical vehicles, point-to-point, ground-to-air and satellite communications, the 123rd provides an integrated air picture and theater missile defense warning to the Air Operations Center via data link. Operationally, the 123rd provides surveillance and identification of aircraft within the assigned area of responsibility, directs defensive and offensive air missions and can be tasked to direct air defense and airspace management activities. During this fiscal year, the 123rd ACS was tasked under a Presidential Selected Reserve Call-Up. From Dec. 1, 1999, until May 2, 2000, 78 unit personnel were deployed at Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait, to support Operation Southern Watch. In theater, operating as the 9th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron, the unit maintained continuous 24-hour surveillance of the southern no-fly zone over Iraq and provided an integrated air picture to the Commander, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia. The unit also managed data links, air defense assets and controlled over 2,400 coalition sorties.

Throughout the year, the 123rd ACS routinely provided ground control intercept radar services to local flying units and plus various flying units from around the country and Canada. In addition to participating in numerous Category I, II and III System Training Exercises, the Blue Ash unit handles more than 1,200 flying/data link events yearly, with the majority being controlled in the Buckeye Military Operating Area. The 123rd was also chosen as the test unit for Radar Selected Parts upgrade which started in October 1999.

**2005 25 Sep** The 123rd Air Control Squadron, Ohio ANG, deployed eighteen communications personnel to Alexandria, Louisiana to support Hurricane Rita recovery operations.

123rd Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Ohio ANG

Allotted: 24 May 1946 to ANG

Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, Ohio, 19 March 1948 - 10 December 1951

Created: 1 March, 1948

Subordinate to: 155th AC&W Group, March 19, 1948 - November 1, 1953

Activated: 19 March, 1948.

Mobilized: 1 November 1951 - 31 October 1953, Donaldson AFB, S.C., 11 December 1951 - 15 October 1952

Arrived: 3 November 1952, Nelligen Air Base Nelligen, Germany  
Relocated: 20 February 1953, Flandern Easerne, Ulm, Germany  
Deactivated: 1 November 1953, Blue Ash ANG Station, Ohio, 2 November 1953 - 15 October 1961

Notes: 616th AC&W Squadron History, page 1486, "Effective 1 November 1953 the 123rd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron returned inactive service and this squadron became the 616th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron"

Subordinate to: 157th TCG, 2 November, 1953 – 1 December, 1958

Subordinate to: 152nd TCG (ACG) 2 December, 1958 – 1 August, 1996

Deployed: Landshut, Germany, 25 October 1961 - 19 October 1962

Mobilized: 1 October 1961 - 19 October 1962

Blue Ash ANG Station, Ohio, 20 October 1962 - Present

Deactivated: 11 September, 1965

Redesignated: TCF 12 September, 1965

123 Tactical Control Flight

Blue Ash ANG Station, Ohio, 20 October 1962 - Present

Redesignated: 2 October, 1988, TCS

123 Tactical Control Squadron

Blue Ash ANG Station, Ohio, 20 October 1962 - Present

Redesignated: ACS June, 1991

Equipment: TPS-43E

123 Air Control Squadron

Blue Ash ANG Station, Ohio, 20 October 1962 - Present

Redesignated: June, 1991 ACS

Subordinate to: 9th AF, 2 August, 1996 - Present

Deployments: Operation Southern Watch, 1 December 1999 - 15 April 2000; Operation Iraqi Freedom, 23 May 2003 - 31 March 2004;

Commander: Lt. Col. Norman Poklar; Lt. Col. Gene Hughes (2003);

Equipment: TPS-75



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Sources