

# 623<sup>rd</sup> AIR CONTROL FLIGHT



## **LINEAGE**

## **STATIONS**

Kadena AB, Japan

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **MISSION EQUIPMENT**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc chequy Azure and Argent, in base a radar antenna Or fimbriated Sable emitting six sound waves in graduating size bendwise of the last, three mullets, two and one, above the antenna and one in dexter base all of the third; all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disk, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "SEMPER VIGILANTES" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disk, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "623D AIR CONTROL FLT" in Yellow 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 checkered background is representative of the plotting boards peculiar to an Air Control and Warning units of the past. The radar antenna symbolizes the primary "weapon" of the unit,

teaching and guiding aircraft with electronic waves. The stars represent the unit's four original detachments.

#### **MOTTO**

SEMPER VIGILANTES--EVER VIGILANT

#### **CALL SIGN**

#### **OPERATIONS**

**Some 200 airmen from 18th Wing at Kadena AB, Japan, accompanied 12 F-15 Eagles on a two-week aviation training relocation deployment to Nyutabaru AB, Japan, last weekend, where they will train jointly with Japan Air Self Defense Force units on the island of Kyushu. The 12 F-15s, from Kadena's 67th Fighter Squadron, arrived at Nyutabaru on Oct. 18 and will fly and train alongside JASDF F-4Js of the 5th Wing to improve tactical interoperability and readiness for the next two weeks. In addition to training with the 5th Wing at Nyutabaru, USAF Capt. William Sullivan, 67th FS ATR project officer, said Kadena's 623rd Air Control Flight also will train for ground control intercepts at nearby Tsuiki AB, Japan—home of JASDF's 8th Wing. The ATR gives Kadena airmen the chance to practice deployed operations, while working with elements of both the 5th and 8th Wings. Sullivan said Kadena pilots and USAF fighters have flown a lot with JASDF units stationed at Naha, on Okinawa, but have not flown with pilots from Nyutabaru in five years. "This training will help us understand each other better and help us work together in the future," said JASDF Lt. Col. Takashi Asaoka, of the 5th Wing. 2014**

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Air Force Order of Battle

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