

5th TACTICAL AIR CONTROL GROUP



LINEAGE

5th Communications and Control Group
5th Tactical Control Group

STATIONS

Seoul, South Korea, 25 Nov 1951
Osan-Ni (later Osna-Ni AB), South Korea 11 Jan 1954
Camp Gifu (later Gifu AB : Gifu Aux Afld), Japan, 14 Oct 1955
Kadena AB, Okinawa, 1 Sep 1957
Clark AB, Philippines, 21 Oct 1959-31 Dec 1971
Osan AB, South Korea, 8 Jan 1980
Suwon AB, South Korea, 1 Aug 1989
Osan AB, South Korea, 1 Oct 1990-1 Jul 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

Fifth Air Force, 25 Nov 1951
314th Air Division 15 Mar 1955
6101st Air Base Wing, 15 Nov 1955
5th Air Force, 25 Jun 1957
313th Air Division, 1 Jul 1957
13th Air Force, 1 Oct 1959-31 Dec 1971
51st Composite Wing (Tactical), 8 Jan 1980
314th Air Division, 20 Jun 1982
Seventh Air Force, 8 Sep 1986
51st Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1990-1 Jul 1993

ATTACHMENTS

Fifth Air Force, 22 Oct 1955-25 June 1957
Fifth Air Force, 1 Jul 1957-23 Sep 1958
Thirteenth Air Force, 24 Sep 1958-30 Sep 1959
Pacific Air Forces, 1 Dec 1959-31 Dec 1971

COMMANDERS

Col John M Maersch, 25 Nov 1951

LTC William E. Gegg, Mar 1952
LTC Jeremy K Schloss, Dec 1952
LTC Robert J Martin, 15 Sep 1953
Col Philip A. Gugliotta, 15 Nov 1953
LTC Darrel J Freund, 4 Jul 1954 (temp)
LTC Frank L. Adams, 11 Aug 1954
LTC Walter V. Jacobsen, 6 Dec 1954
LTC Julian Dendy Jr, 22 Dec 1954 (actg), 1 Jan 1955 (perm)
Maj Melvin R. Cripe, 19 Aug 1955 (temp)
LTC Harry C. Ross, 1 Sep 1955
LTC Marion R. Graham, 8 Aug 1958
Maj Julian M. Lacalle Jr., 1 Oct 1959
LTC John L. Cornwell, 1 Dec 1959
Col Clifford E. Raisor, 29 Jul 1960
LTC Lawrence W. Baldwin, 22 May 1962
Maj Edward S. Harvey Jr., 20 Jan 1963
Col Albert B Sporer Jr., 5 Aug 1963
Col Amos F. Riha, 3 Aug 1964
Col Albert B. Sporer Jr., 14 Jul 1965
Col Richard A. Ariano, 1 Aug 1966
Col Samuel D. Berman, 9 Aug 1967
Col Paul D. Jessop, 21 Apr 1969
Col John R. Stoner, 21 Jul 1970 - Dec 1971
Col Frank H. Dawson Jr., 8 Jan 1980
Col Charles D. Link, 16 Mar 1981
Col Robert R. Bartlett, 29 Jul 1981
Col Robert J. Watson, 28 Jun 1982
Col Henry J. Cochran, 15 Jun 1984
Col James L. Altemose, 12 Aug 1985

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

UN Summer/Fall Offensive
Second Korean Winter
Korea Summer/Fall 1952
Third Korean Winter
Korea Summer/ Fall 1953

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat Service
10 Aug 1966-10 Aug 1968

Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Sep 1959-1 Jun 1961
1 Aug 1963-14 Jul 1965
15 Jul 1965-30 Apr 1967
2 May 1970-31 Dec 1971
1 Jul 1982-30 Jun 1984
1 Jul 1984-30 Apr 1986
1 Dec 1986-2 Oct 1988

Republic of Korea Presidential Citations

24 Nov 1951
30 Sep 1952
1 Oct 1952
27 Jul 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross With Palm

10 Aug 1966
10 Aug 1968

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OPERATIONS

From Nov 1951 to mid Oct 1955, supported 5th Air Force and other Far East Air Forces agencies in Korea by installing, operating and maintaining radio, telephone, and teletype communications networks linking Air Force and other military installations in Korea with bases in Japan. Operated communications centers serving 5th Air Force's headquarters at Seoul and Taegu until Jan 1954 and at Osan-Ni thereafter. In addition, from Nov 1954 to Feb 1955, supported a Republic of Korea Air Force Technical Training school. From Jan to Apr 1955, occasionally sent men and equipment as far away as Formosa to support mobility exercises.

Moved to Japan in Oct 1955. While continuing to survey, install, operate, and maintain radio, telephone, and teletype communications in support of 5th Air Force and Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) operations, the group became more mobile to provide communications support anywhere in the area of Far East (later, Pacific) Air Forces when natural disasters such as floods or typhoons destroyed or damaged fixed facilities. Moved to Okinawa in 1957 with no change in basic operations. Came under 13th Air Force control in Sep 1958, about the same time the group deployed men and equipment to Formosa to augment 13th Air Force communications links there during the crisis over Quemoy Island.

The group acquired a tactical air control function in April 1959 with assignment of the 605th

Tactical Control Squadron. It lost its communications construction squadron at the same time, but retained both radio relay and mobile communications squadrons.

Moved to Clark AB, Philippines, in Oct 1959, continuing communications and tactical control support for 13th, 5th, and Pacific Air Forces operations. Also trained indigenous personnel in communications and tactical control operational techniques. In Oct 1961, the group lost all squadrons although another mobile communications group was briefly attached for control until January 1962. The 5th Tactical Control Group maintained and "operating" radar section within its headquarters, however, and retained its tactical control capability. Detachments of the group, located in Southeast Asia, provided training of indigenous Air Force personnel in operation communications equipment for tactical control for the next several years.

Two tactical control squadrons joined the group in April 1964, and July 1964, a tactical control maintenance squadron was assigned. The group continued to provide tactical control support and mobile capability to support PACAF and 13th and 5th Air Force operations.

Two direct air support squadrons joined the group in 1968. The group continued to provide emergency mobile communications and electronics facilities to replace or augment fixed PACAF installations. From late 1970 to late 1971, the group also maintained permanent detachments in Thailand and Korea, and several months in 1971, the 22nd Tactical Air Support Squadron (light), equipped with O-2 aircraft was part of the group.

The group began phasing down in September 1971, when its Thailand detachment was closed and the 22nd TASS transferred. From then until its inactivation at the end of 1971, the group controlled a single tactical control squadron (the 605th) and its detachment in Korea.

Redesignated as the 5th Tactical Air Control Group, the group activated at Osan AB, Korea, on 8 Jan 1980 as a component of the 51st Composite Wing (Tactical). To perform its mission the group comprised a direct air support squadron, a tactical air control squadron, a tactical air control center squadron, and a separate detachment.

During the 1980's the group supported the Korean Tactical Air Control System by maintaining ground radar sites with air and ground support provided by forward air controllers, air support operations centers, tactical air control parties, and communications personnel and equipment. Served the 314th Air Division for June 1982 to September 1986, when it was assigned directly to 7th Air Force. Participated in numerous PACAF training exercises in Korea and the western Pacific, working with other branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and units of other nations. Its 19th Tactical Air Support Squadron converted in 1983 from OV-10A to OA-37B aircraft, but returned to OV-10s in 1985. In August 1989, the group moved from Osan AB to Suwon AB, South Korea, but it returned to Osan in October 1990 when it was assigned to the 51st Tactical Fighter Wing.

5th TCG Squadrons and Detachments:

Det 1, Uijongbu, South Korea

19th Tactical Air Support Squadron (light): 8 Jan 1980-1 Oct 1990

22nd Tactical Air Support Squadron (Light): 15 May-30 Sep 1971

24th Communications Construction Squadron (Mobile): 15 Jul 1956-15 Apr 1959
603rd Direct Air Support Squadron: 15 May 1968-1 May 1970
603rd Tactical Air Control Center Squadron: 8 Jan 1980-15 Dec 1989; 1 Oct 1990
604th Direct Air Support Squadron (later, 604th Air Support Operations Center Squadron): 15
Sep 1968-17 May 1971; 8 Jan 1980
605th Combat Support Squadron: 15 Dec 1989-1 Oct 1990
605th Tactical Control Squadron: 15 Apr 1959-1 Oct 1961; 8 Apr 1966-31 Dec 1971
608th Communications Squadron(Operations-Mobil): 15 Jul 1956-1 Oct 1961
608th Tactical Control Squadron: 8 Jul 1965-31 May 1971
619th Tactical Control Squadron: 8 Apr 1964-8 Nov 1965; 15 Dec 1989
621st Tactical Control Squadron: 8 Jan 1980
623rd Tactical Control Squadron: 1 Apr 1983-17 Feb 1987
6151st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: 1 Aug 1989-22 Nov 1989
6170th Combat Support Squadron: 1 Aug 1989-15 Dec 1989
81st Tactical Control Flight (later, 81st Tactical Control Squadron): 1 Apr 1981-1 Apr 1983; 17
Feb 1987-1 Oct 1990

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