

## **SOUTHEAST AIR DEFENSE SECTOR**



### **MISSION**

The Southeast Air Defense Sector is responsible for the air defense of the southeastern United States. With more than 600,000 square miles of airspace, including 3,000 miles of coastline from Texas to the North Carolina border, the Southeast Air Defense Sector is the busiest of three sectors comprising the Continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Region.

The Sector Operations Control Center is the command and control element for the sector air defense operations. This facility utilizes the latest advances in computerized airspace control, relies on digitized radar inputs from 21 ground radar sites and one tethered aerostat balloon. More than 3,500 aircraft penetrating the sector's air defense and identification zone are detected each day by sector SOCC technicians and operators.

The SOCC, along with five other control centers, two in the continental United States, two in Canada and one in Alaska, are key elements in support of the North American Aerospace Defense Command mission. NORAD command and control agencies are responsible for maintaining air sovereignty in peacetime and defending North America during wartime. Consoles in the sector SOCC are designed for multiple uses, allowing them to be used for surveillance, identification or weapons control air defense functions.

### **LINEAGE**

Southeast Air Defense Sector

### **STATIONS**

Tyndall AFB, FL

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

## EMBLEM



## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

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