

107th AIR CONTROL SQUADRON



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107th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron
Allotted 24 May 1946 to ANG
Redesignated 107th Tactical Control Squadron
Redesignated 107th Air Control Squadron

STATIONS

Papago Park, Phoenix, AZ
Luke Air Force Base, AZ, Dec 2008

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj James Hagenson, #1981
LTC Pam Jackson
LTC Howard Barikmo

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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1952 107 AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON, GOOSE AIR BASE, CANADA.

107th AC&W Squadron: federalized in the ANG on 1 Sep 51 at Otis AFB, MA, as the 152nd ACEIW Group; transferred to NEAC on 19 Jan 52.

The 107th Tactical Control Squadron, a tenant unit of the 161st conducts its operations from the Papago Military Reservation. As a tactical control unit, the 107th is a part of the Tactical Air Command, and deploys each year for 15 days to remote sites where field radar installations are set up. Although some support is given by the 161st. the 107th maintains its own mess hall, motor pool and other support operations. Support from the 161st consists mainly of medical examinations, CBPO support, supply and finance. The primary mission of the 107th is weapons control. In combat situations, a weapons control squadron monitors by radar the location of combat aircraft and directs them to targets. It is a difficult and sometimes nerve racking assignment, but one which is essential to the effectiveness of tactical air support.

New Home for One-of-a-kind ANG Unit: The Arizona Air National Guard's 107th Air Control Squadron has moved from Papago Park in Phoenix to Luke Air Force Base, where it will continue its unique mission of training active duty and Air Guard weapons directors. The 107th ACS began planning the move in 2006 and marked it formally Feb. 17 with a ribbon cutting at its new facility, which required construction of remote radio capabilities and development of a new computer system, among other projects, some of which are ongoing. Lt. Col. Pam Jackson, 107th ACS commander, said the move eliminated "the excessive time it took to travel" back and forth, since students were housed at Luke and had to commute several times a day for classes and briefings. And, the 107th now is co-located with the 607th ACS, which provides advanced weapons director

training.

An Air National Guard unit is moving in with the 607th Air Control Squadron at Luke. The collocation of the 107th ACS from Papago Park in Phoenix will happen in December. More than 45 full time and 30 weekend Guardsmen will join Team Luke. “We are currently adding to and remodeling our buildings to accommodate their personnel,” said Col. Todd Scott, 607th ACS commander. The 107th ACS is the only ANG unit that initially trains weapons directors for the Combat Air Forces.

Approximately 25 56th Training Squadron personnel, currently operating at Papago Park, join the 107th ACS in training more than 80 students per year during a four-and-a-half-month weapons director course. While training, most of the students reside in billeting at Luke. Weapons directors serve as pertinent wingmen for pilots. They help identify aircraft as friend or foe through a radar system, interpret data and communicate with fighter pilots via radios to help them target and prosecute aircraft which pose a threat. Weapons directors also assist aircrews with aerial refueling operations, search and rescue missions, and emergency operations procedures.

The collocation exemplifies the “one team, one fight,” concept and will allow for students to interact with fighter pilots and eliminates their daily drive from Luke to Papago Park. “We welcome members of the 107th ACS to the 56th Fighter Wing and look forward to strengthening the working relationship we have,” Colonel Scott said.2008

The Arizona Air National Guard's 107th Air Control Squadron at Luke Air Force Base recently ceased operations after more than four decades of activity. The Thunderbolt, the base newspaper, reported on Oct. 11 that Luke officials inactivated the unit during a ceremony on Sept. 30. The unit had run Air Education and Training Command's weapons director schoolhouse and also provided command and control for thousands of sorties flown each year by F-16s of Luke's 56th Fighter Wing and the Arizona ANG's 162nd FW in Tucson, according to the report. The Air Force in March 2012 announced plans to inactivate the 107th ACS. In June of this year, it shifted the Active Duty 607th ACS from Air Combat Command to AETC in order to take over the schoolhouse functions 2013

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