

123 TACTICAL CONTROL FLIGHT



MISSION

The mission of the 123rd TCF is to provide a forward radar extension and control element of the TACS to meet worldwide contingency requirements. As such, the 123rd can perform one or a combination of the following functions: controlling counter-air and special missions, monitoring interdiction and reconnaissance missions. They also vector close air support and refueling missions to rendezvous, direct and disseminate tactical warning information within their area of responsibility. The unit may also coordinate control and surveillance activities and provide airspace management service, if directed.

The 123rd Tactical Control Flight is located in Blue Ash, Ohio, just north of Cincinnati. The 123rd TCP, a Forward Air Control Post (FACP), operates within the Tactical Air Control System (TACS). A FACP is a transportable, manual radar control facility, which is normally the most subordinate radar facility within the TACS. It is equipped with three-dimensional radar, mobile operations, communications and maintenance facilities, and point-to-point and assorted ground-to-air communications.

The 123rd TCF can be configured to a specific mission but is normally deployed in either the "mini" or "maxi" configuration. In the "mini" configuration, the FACP consists of the radar set, a two-scope van, one power plant, associated vehicles, and approximately 17 personnel. In the "maxi" configuration, the FACP deploys approximately 17 personnel, another two-scope van, a communications van containing high frequency (HF) voice and teletype, three more power plants and associated vehicles and life support. The 123rd TCF may be deployed into forward areas to provide aircraft control and surveillance or gap-filler radar coverage.

LINEAGE

123 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron constituted, 1 Mar 1948

Activated, 19 Mar 1948

Inactivated, 11 Sep 1965

Redesignated 123 Tactical Control Flight, 12 Sep 1965

STATIONS

Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, OH, 19 Mar 1948

Donaldson AFB, SC, 11 Dec 1951

Ulm, Germany, 16 Oct 1952

Blue Ash ANG, OH, 2 Nov 1953-15 Oct 1961

Landshut, Germany, 25 Oct 1961

Blue Ash ANG Station, OH 20 Oct 1962

ASSIGNMENTS

155 Aircraft Control and Warning Group, 19 Mar 1948

157 Tactical Control Group, 2 Nov 1953

152 Tactical Control Group, 2 Dec 1958

COMMANDERS

Maj Lear, 19 Mar 1948

Cpt Sanders, 2 May 1948

Cpt John W. Weining, 1 Jul 1948

Cpt Carl R. Falk, 1 Nov 1953

Maj Ramie E. Adams Jr., 1 Mar 1956

Cpt Chester C. Hawley, 14 May 1960

LTC Coleman J. Magrith, 4 Feb 1963

LTC David W. Shelby 1 Sept 1970

LTC Scherer, 1 Jan 1975

LTC Childers, 1 Jan 1983

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



On a white disc edged Air Force blue a caricatured red dog in profile, his face and forepaws white his mouth, nose, eye, and headphones indicated Air Force Blue, standing upright on and behind an Air Force blue radar screen, leaning forward as he points animatedly to dexter (right) chief with his right forepaw and holds tightly to the edge of the radar screen with his left forepaw. Surmounting all, a blue star charged with a white disc in the base, winged Air Force golden yellow, outlines and details red. (Approved, 26 Oct 1966)

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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

Inactivated: 11 September, 1965

Redesignated: TCF 12 September, 1965

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Blue Ash ANG Station, Ohio, 20 October 1962 - Present
Redesignated: 2 October, 1988, TCS

Detachment 1
Deployed: 15 March 1953, Freising, Germany

Detachment 2
Ohio ANG
Deployed: Wels, Austria in 1952
Redesignated: Detachment 2 616th AC&WS, November 1953
Equipment: TPS-1B, TPS-1D 1953

Detachment 3
Deployed: 12 March 1953, Wels, Austria

Detachment 4
Deployed: 21 November 1952, Herzo near Nurnberg, Germany

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Sources
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