

124 TACTICAL CONTROL FLIGHT



MISSION

The mission is to function as a highly mobile radar warning and control unit to provide extended radar coverage in and beyond the forward edge of the battle area (FEBA). At home station, the unit trains for its combat mission by providing radar coverage to military air training missions for Ohio Air National Guard flying units as well as those of surrounding states and visiting active Air Force units. Also, when deployed in an exercise mode, the unit can control much of the radar support to the flying mission, including "face-to-face" debriefing of flying personnel on radar controlled missions.

The 124th Tactical Control Flight, is located at Blue Ash Air National Guard Station in Blue Ash, Ohio. The unit shares the facility with its sister unit 123rd TCP. The 124th TCF is a Forward Air Control Post (FACP) and lies as a unit of the Tactical Air Control System [TACS). The FACP is a manual radar warning and control site which operates as closely as possible to the front lines in a combat situation. It is equipped with sophisticated radar communications equipment as well as maintenance facilities, all of which must be highly mobile in order to meet challenges of its mission. The unit can provide radar equipment with two or four control positions and with ground-to-air communications equipment to support operations. Additional communications equipment includes high frequency (HF) radio and wideband microwave radio to provide voice and teletype channels for linking into command and control networks.

The 124th TCF can be deployed with configurations of 17 to 64 personnel, with the appropriate equipment, to respond to many different scenarios. This follows the Air Force concept of tailoring the deploying element to a specific mission requirement. The missions can range from gap-filling surveillance support to close control of air combat. Personnel in the 124th are highly trained in many aspects of radar operation, communications, and maintenance. Also, mobility skills are stressed as part of the training since the mission requires operating in forward areas of combat.

LINEAGE

124 Tactical Control Flight activated, 1 Apr 1976

STATIONS

Blue Ash ANGS, OH

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj Richard P. Scherer, Feb 1974

LTC Paul P. Eling, Jan 1975

LTC Thomas J. Belton, Oct 1982

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

124 Tactical Control Flight

Blue Ash ANGS, Ohio

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Inactivated: 1992

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Sources

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