

248th AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SQUADRON



MISSION

The wartime mission of the Air Traffic Control Squadron is to deploy, operate and maintain air traffic control and landing systems in either a standalone capacity or in conjunction with bare base communications packages in support of major command requirements. The 248th's gaining command is Air Combat Command.

The squadron consists of approximately 90 members who are responsible for all air traffic control operations at Key Field including military, commercial, and civilian flights. Assets include a Mobile Tower, Mobile Radar and Mobile TACAN. The tower, radar and TACAN can be deployed and operational within 24 hours.

LINEAGE

248th Air Traffic Control Squadron

STATIONS

Key Field, Meridian, MS

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Theodore V. Reynolds, #2004

Maj John Lockett, #2010

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc per bend sinister Azure and chequy Sable and Vert debruised by a lightning flash bendwise sinister throughout Or, in chief, a demi-control tower of the third, lighted of the first and in dexter flank, a radar screen of the third, gridlined of the second, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll with a narrow Black border and inscribed "248TH ATCS" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "TOTAL CONTROL" in Black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The air traffic control tower and the radar screen signify the Squadron's mission. The lightning flash denotes the unit's ability and efficiency of maintenance and speed of communications. The checker board pattern alludes to the Air Force tradition of utilizing that pattern on buildings near runways.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

248th Air Traffic Control Squadron was commissioned on October the first of 1997.

5 Sep 2005 Twenty-one personnel assigned to the 248th Air Traffic Control Squadron, Mississippi ANG, returned to their home station at Key Field. They were deployed to Gulfport CRTC for hurricane relief operations.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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