501st TACTICAL CONTROL WING

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THE 18TH OF DECEMBER 1957 marked a milestone in history of the Air Force when the Tactical Control Wing Provisional was formerly redesignated the 501st Tactical Control Wing. Composed of two tactical control groups, the 501st and 529th, the wing assumed the numerical designation of the senior group under the command of Col Carl B. Lindstrand.

The 501st Tactical Control Wing is the sole air defense system of the United States Air Force in Europe. Its central sector of control employs over 3500 officers and men operating 26 radar sets worth over 20 million dollars. Spread throughout West Germany, the 501st TCW operates over 35 living sites. The sites range from as little as five enlisted men to the largest with over 400 officers and airmen. Six Aircraft Control and Warning Squadrons and one Tactical Control Squadron make up the Wing's complex operation with all reporting to Ramstein Air Base, Headquarters of the 501st Tactical Control Wing.

Spread from the bleak and stormy North Sea to the placid sunny Austrian alps, the wing covers over forty-five different living sites. The sites range in size according to personnel from as little as five airmen to the largest with over 400 officers and airmen. Eleven squadrons compose the 501st as it stands now, six are aircraft control and warning squadrons, one a headquarters, two shoran beacon and two tactical control squadrons all reporting to the headquarters at Landstuhl Air Base.

The Wing is headed by an electronics expert, Colonel Carl B. Lindstrand, who guides the destinies of his huge family with the help of a seasoned staff. The highly technical operation of the wing's early warning system demands a top notch performance. Untold headaches are avoided, thanks to an efficient and smooth running maintenance operation.