

## 507<sup>th</sup> AIR CONTROL WING



### MISSION

507<sup>th</sup> Air Control Wing Mission: Provide capability to plan, direct, and control air operations that enables Tactical Air Support, Area Air Defense, and Airspace Control in area of operation to coordinate and manage Joint Operations with component forces of other services. Provide Air Force Commander single integrated system with controlled air missions, including counter-air, air interdiction, reconnaissance, tactical airlift and special operations.

### LINEAGE

507<sup>th</sup> Tactical Control Group Established, 30 Aug 1950  
Activated, 2 Sep 1950  
Redesignated 507<sup>th</sup> Communications and Control Group, 15 Jul 1958  
Redesignated 507<sup>th</sup> Tactical Control Group, 1 Jul 1964  
Redesignated 507<sup>th</sup> Tactical Air Control Group, 15 Jun 1974  
Redesignated 507<sup>th</sup> Tactical Air Control Wing, 1 Oct 1976  
Redesignated 507<sup>th</sup> Air Control Wing, 1 Oct 1991  
Inactivated, 12 Jun 1992  
Disbanded, 8 Sep 1994

### STATIONS

Pope AFS, NC, 2 Sep 1950  
Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jul 1954

### ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force (Tactical) (later, Ninth Air Force), 2 Sep 1950  
Tactical Air Command, 1 Jan 1963

Ninth Air Force, 1 Mar 1965-12 Jun 1992

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

CH-3, 1967-1969, 1974

O-1, 1967-1968

OV-10, 1974

O-2, 1974

O-2A, 1976-1986

CH-3, 1982-1988

OV-10, 1982-1991

OT-37B, 1986-1988

OA-10, 1991-1992

C-130, 1975-1976

### **COMMANDERS**

Col William H. Schwartz, Jr., 2 Sep 1950

LTC John French, 16 Apr 1951

Col William H. Schwartz, Jr., 21 May 1951

Col Leslie C. Heartz, 8 Oct 1951

Col Henry Riera, 2 Jul 1953

Col Hubert N. Sturdivant, 1 Aug 1958

Col John A McVey, 30 Oct 1958

Col Charles E. Williams, Jr., 3 Jan 1961

Col John S. Ross, 16 Jul 1964

Col Andrew F. Gordon, 16 Oct 1964

Col Delwin D. Bentley, 1 Apr 1965

Col Harry L. Downing, Jr., 12 Mar 1967

Col Francis J. Vetort, 1 Sep 1969

Col Paul L. Park, 30 Sep 1969

Col Robert C. Kerr, 25 Jun 1971

Col John R. Stoner, 5 Apr 1972

Col Walter H. Lane, 3 Feb 1975

Col John R. Zartman, 30 Jan 1976

Col Jerry W. Osgood, 26 Apr 1978

Col Jack L. Van Loan, 22 May 1979

Col Keith B. Connolly, 15 Aug 1980

Col Henry H. Yochum, II, 22 Jul 1982

Col John F. Lewis, 2 Nov 1982

Col James H. Martin, 16 Nov 1982

Col Richard G. Rhyne, 5 Apr 1985

Col Glen L. Juve, 15 May 1987

Col Thomas A. Owens, 1 May 1989

Col James C. Wray, 14 Jun 1991-12 Jun 1992

## HONORS

### Service Streamers

### Campaign Streamers

### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Grenada

Panama, Just Cause

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Aug 1961-1 Aug 1963

10-15 Feb 1973

16 Jun 1974-15 Jun 1975

16 Jun 1975-31 May 1977

1 May 1981-30 Apr 1983

1 May 1983-30 Apr 1985

1 May 1985-30 Apr 1987

1 May 1989-30 Apr 1991

## EMBLEM





The light blue background represents the sky. The red symbolizes the earth. The pair of white hands represents support provided to the unit's aircraft. The white lines represent radar beams. The yellow-winged comet symbolizes aircraft, while the blue lines highlighted in yellow depict military strength and authority. The lightning bolt represents the accomplishment of missions with speed, accuracy, and success. (Approved, 25 Sep 1951)

#### **MOTTO**

Coelis Imperamus--We Command the Skies

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

The 507th was formed as a Tactical Control Group during the Korean War build-up, charged with providing for tactical forces the necessary air surveillance, control, and reporting facilities for effective application. Since the Korean War the 507th, through its several designations, has continued a basic mission of maintaining necessary components and facilities for a Tactical Air Control System (TACS).

In 1956-1957 the 507th assisted the 512th Tactical Control Group to become organized and operational at Foster AFB, Texas. Twice during its existence the 507th has merged with and absorbed resources of other organizations: the 8th Communications Group in Jul 1958 and the 68th Tactical Air Support Group in Jun 1974. The 507th has continuously supported tactical exercises and training on a world-wide basis since its first major exercise (Southern Pine) in 1951.

Brim Frost 81 - To provide a simulated combat environment to train selected Army, Air Force and Navy units in Joint Tactics, techniques and procedures in an Arctic environment.

Operation Just Cause - Began in Panama during December 1989

Operation Desert Shield - in Persian Gulf Area of responsibility from August through December 1990.