

# 601<sup>st</sup> TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON



## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

601<sup>st</sup> Tactical Air Support Squadron

## **STATIONS**

Wiesbaden Air Base, West Germany  
Sembach AB, Germany, 1 Jan 1976

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

601<sup>st</sup> Tactical Air Support Group  
601<sup>st</sup> Tactical Control Wing, 1985

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

CH-53C

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

1 Jul 1974 The 601st TASS was activated and assigned to the 601st TASG.

CH-53C 70-1632: Ops, Sep 1975, 601 TASS, all killed; Dual engine failure due to ice ingestion, NR bled off, autorotation attempt too late.

30 November 1975 Five CH-53Cs arrived at Wiesbaden AB during October and November 1975. After being uncrated and reassembled, which took several months, the helicopters were released to the 601st TASS (tail #1625, #1626, #0927, #0928, and #0930).

CH-53C 68-10927: Logistics, 17 Mar 1976, 601 TASS, Sembach AB, Germany, all killed; Assault on Koh Tang Island (Knife 51), May 1975; Rolled over and crashed inverted from a hover due to primary servo bolt breakage.

1 October 1976 Helicopter #0932 arrived and was assigned to the 601st TASS.

14 Apr 1980 601st TASS pilots flew two CH-53C helicopters down to Torrejon Air Base, Spain, to aid in the recovery operations of a downed F-4 aircraft.

23 Feb 1982 The 601st TCW was officially notified that the 601st TASS, 601st ASOC, and 603rd TCS were selected to receive the "Air Force Outstanding Unit Award"

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## **Sources**

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