

729 AIR CONTROL SQUADRON



MISSION

The 729 Air Control Squadron provides the theater Air Force commander a rapid reaction mobile air control system and control and reporting center during worldwide contingencies. It also provides command and control of joint air operations through surveillance, identification, weapons control, theater missile defense, battle management and theater communications data links.

Approximately 400 air battle managers and support personnel are assigned to the squadron. They maintain and operate 220 tactical vehicles and manage over \$250 million in assets.

LINEAGE

729 Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron activated 16 Feb 1951
Redesignated 729 Tactical Control Squadron
Inactivated 15 Jul 1958
Activated 6 Jan 1964
Inactivated 25 Jun 1969
Activated 15 Oct 1969
Inactivated 30 Nov 1979
Activated 1 Oct 1985
Redesignated 729 Air Control Squadron Oct 1991

STATIONS

Pope AFB, NC, 5 Mar 1951
Clovis AFB, NM, 6 Nov 1952
Robins AFB, GA, 6 Dec 1953-15 Jul 1958
Eglin AF Aux Aflld #3, FL, 1 Jul 1964-25 Jun 1969

MacDill AFB, FL, 15 Oct 1969-30 Nov 1979
Hill AFB, UT, 1 Oct 1985

ASSIGNMENTS

388 Operations Group

MISSION EQUIPEMENT

MPS-11, 1968

TPS-43

TPS-44

AN/TPS-43E

TPS-75

COMMANDERS



Maj James E. Smith (USAF photo)

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HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, a target of two concentric circles and crosshairs Argent, charged with a delta flight symbol point to dexter chief Or, overall a bull couped at the neck Sable, horned and detailed of the second, horns and eye embellished Gules, emitting from the nostrils two lightning bolts of the like; all within a narrow Black border. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "BEST IN THE FIELD" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "729TH AIR CONTROL SQ" 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 bull symbolizes the strength, stamina, and durability of the Squadron. The smoke snorts as lightning bolts represent the electronic control and surveillance of the skies provided by the Squadron. The stylized aircraft symbolizes the strength of airpower and with the radar scope/target signifies the Squadron's worldwide capability for deployment.

MOTTO

BEST IN THE FIELD

NICKNAME

Angry Warriors

OPERATIONS

The 729th supported Operation Noble eagle, and in 1996, 1997, 1999, and 2001 the unit deployed to Kuwait to monitor the southern no-fly zone in support of Operation Southern Watch. From November 2002 to March 2003, the 729th deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, to monitor the southern no-fly zone in support of Operation Southern Watch. Then from March to June 2003, the 729th deployed again to Ali Al Salem Air Base to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

729th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Detachment 1

Fire destroyed Det 1, 729th Tactical Control Squadron Control and Reporting Post.

Detachment 3

Fort Leonard Wood, MO (1957/1958)

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, VA.

Unit yearbook. *Robins AFB, GA, Headquarters and Miscellaneous Units, 1955*. Army and Navy Publishing Co, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA. 1955.