

4413 COMBAT CREW TRAINING SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

4413 Combat Crew Training Squadron

STATIONS

Lockbourne AFB, OH

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 4413th Combat Crew Training Squadron (CCTS) responsible for training crews. The 4413th CCTS had received its first AC-119K model gunship on November 8, 1968. June 1971 4413th CCTS transferred from Lockbourne to Hurlburt Field and re-designated the 415th Special Operations Training Squadron. Eight (8) AC-119Ks and six (6) AC130s were assigned to the squadron.

AC-130A, 55-0011, was seen in 1971 at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. The aircraft is in the Southeast Asia camouflage scheme, and carries a large, colorful TAC badge on the tail. This unit was later transferred to Hurlbert AFB, Florida, and was replaced by 415th SOTS, 1st SOW. In April 1968 TAG had informed PACAF that the 4413th Combat Crew Training Squadron at Lockbourne AFB would fill AC 130 crew requirements with three crews each in September, October, and November 1968.

Amid AFLC modifications actions and high-level force decisions, TAC planned AC-119 crew training. It had tailored a fairly complete training program by the middle of February. Continental Air Command— responsible for releasing the Reserve C-119s—would also conduct simulator, field, and Phase I training through the 302d Tactical Airlift Wing at Clinton County AFB.²⁶ CONAC evaluated base facilities on February 6-7 and reported that it could handle the planned training. It set a March 20, 1968, starting date for Phase I training which was essentially crew checkout. The Air Training Command and TAC would administer peculiar equipment and sensor training and all Phase II night training. TAC activated the 4413th CCT Squadron to begin Phase II training on March 1 at Lockbourne AFB.

Fairchild-Hiller delivered the first AC 119G gunship to the Air Force on May 21, 1968. TAC received it on June 9 and instantly began limited flight-testing side by side with instructor-cadre upgrading. By June 15 two instructor pilots drawn from AC-47 instructor crews had trained four new instructor pilots. The achievement owed much to TAC's borrowing two CONAC C 119Gs to accelerate its training program. With this limited instructor upgrading, the 4413th CCT Squadron accepted its first training class for Southeast Asian duty on July 3.

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