

4461st SUPPORT GROUP



LINEAGE

4461st Support Group, 15 Sep 81
Inactivated, 24 Jan 89

STATIONS

Tonopah Test Range, Nevada.

ASSIGNMENTS

HQ USAF TFWC, 15 Sep 81

COMMANDERS

Col James L. Bannwart, 15 Sep 81
Col Thomas E. Peot, 9 Jul 84
Col Raymond J. Bartholomew, 29 Jul 88-5 Oct 89

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

AFOUA

1 Jan 87 - 31 Dec 88

1 Jul 84 - 30 Jun 86

1 Jul 82 - 30 Jun 84

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EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

The blue of the background symbolizes the sky, the Air Forces theater of operation and the green is the ground beneath it. The target and sword represent the Group's association with TAG. The sword, placed over the target, symbolizes command and honor. The pyramid, symbol of stability and strength, formed by smaller pyramids, alludes to the individual units of the Group.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

On 15 September 1981, Headquarters TAG activated the 4461st Support Group and assigned it to the USAF Tactical Fighter Weapons Center (TFWC) at Nellis AFB to support "new activities programmed on the Northern Range Complex." This unit received as its first mission a task to design and construct a full-service base that would support the F-117A Stealth Fighter program. As such, the 4461st developed long-range construction programs to meet future expansions and provide base operating support services to all units and people at the Tonopah Test Range. As a goal, the 4461st had to complete this work by 1 November 1983 to coincide with the F-117A's planned initial operating capability (IOC).

On 1 April 1985, Headquarters TAG reassigned the 4461st to the 4450th Tactical Group. This status did not change until 24 January 1989, when TAC redesignated the 4461st Support Group as the 4450th Combat Support Group to reflect its true role in supporting the 4450th Tactical Group's operational mission with F-117AS, A-7s, and T-38s. On 5 October 1989, the 4450th CSG inactivated, and all assigned personnel and assets transferred into the newly activated 37th Combat Support Group.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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