

SPACE DELTA 5



MISSION

LINEAGE

614 Space Operations Group established, 1 Aug 1998

Activated, 28 Aug 1998

Redesignated 614 Air and Space Operations Center, 24 May 2007

Redesignated 614 Air Operations Center, 1 Dec 2014

Redesignated Space Delta 5, 24 Jul 2020

Changed status from unit of United States Air Force to unit of United States Space Force, 21 Oct 2020

STATIONS

Vandenberg AFB, CA (later, Vandenberg SFB, CA), 28 Aug 1998

ASSIGNMENTS

Fourteenth Air Force (later, Space Operations Command) on 28 Aug 1998

[*]United States Space Force, 21 Oct 2020

Space Operations Command West on 21 Oct 2020

[*] When SpOC (formerly 14 AF) inactivated on 21 Oct 2020, assignment of Space Delta 5 reverted to next higher echelon level, which was HQ, United States Space Force (formerly,

AFSPC). USSF SO GD-011, dated 30 Nov 2020 (an amendment to SO GD-003, dated 20 Oct 2020), assigned unit from HQ United States Space Force to HQ Space Operations Command West with same effective date of 21 Oct 2020.

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Sep 1998-31 Aug 2000

1 Sep 2000-1 Sep 2001

1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004

1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2005

1 Oct 2005-30 Sep 2006

1 Oct 2006-23 May 2007

24 May 2007-30 Sep 2008

1 Oct 2008-30 Sep 2009

1 Oct 2011-30 Sep 2012

1 Oct 2012-30 Sep 2013

1 Oct 2013-30 Sep 2015

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

1 Oct 2001-30 Sep 2003

EMBLEM



614 Space Operations Center emblem: Sable, a demi-globe Azure gridlined Argent issuing from base, charged with a lightning bolt bendwise Or supporting a winged Bengal tiger bendwise sinister couchant to base of the fourth with Black and White markings, nose Gules, langued of the like, armed White. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "614TH SPACE OPERATIONS GROUP" in Blue 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 black background depicts space. The blue and white framed globe represents the scope of operations worldwide. The yellow thunderbolt represents command and control capabilities. The flying tinge is representative of the Fourteenth Air Force parent group from the Army Air Corps. (Approved, 15 Sep 1999)



614 Air and Space Operations Center

Space Delta 5 emblem approved, 18 Aug 2022

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

6/22/2007 The redesignation June 18 of the 614th Space Operations Group as the 614th Air and Space Operations Center will help streamline communications at the operational level between combatant commanders and the service components, Air Force space officials said.

The redesignation included the inactivation of the 614th Space Intelligence Group, 614th Space Intelligence Squadron and 614th Space Operations Squadron. It is part of the implementation of a component numbered air force, or C-NAF, organizational structure designed to enhance the delivery of Air Force capabilities to combatant commanders.

The space C-NAF, known as 14th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic-Space), will be the Air Force space operations component to U.S. Strategic Command, and will improve the way the Air Force delivers and integrates space capabilities into the joint fight, said Maj. Suzanne Sauls, chief of 14th AF commander's action group.

One reason for the reorganization is to streamline communications at the operational level between the combatant commander with the responsibility for global space operations and the service component with the superiority of Air Force space forces, she said. Another reason for the change to a C-NAF organizational structure is to realign units to provide unity of command in the performance of critical space operations capabilities, Major Sauls said. Manpower and skill sets from the inactivated 614th SIG, 614th SIS, and 614th SOPS units will be realigned to the 614th AOC.

'This redesignation represents another important milestone in the 'normalization' of Air Force-space operations," said Col. Stephen Whiting, the 614th AOC commander. "As with other critical Air Force operational missions, the Air Force now stands up a dedicated AOC to be used by the assigned USSTRATCOM combatant commander to provide command and control of his assigned space operations units." Consolidating the chain of command in this way allows the Air Force to deliver operational space capabilities through a single Air Force forces commander.

Even with this structure change, the jobs the Airmen do in the 14th AF will not change; Airmen will just report to a different commander. 'This structure change is not really going to affect us much day to day," said Airman 1st Class Sarah Mitchell, 614th Space Intelligence Squadron. "We will do the same jobs, just have a different commander. Our old commanders will still be in charge of us but in the form of division chiefs."

With the Air Force downsizing to become a leaner, more efficient force, 14th AF officials feel that this re-designation will be a positive change. "With the redesignation of the 614th AOC, the Air Force has simplified and streamlined its presentation of forces to the Joint Space Operations Center," Colonel Whiting said, "while leveraging unique Air Force capabilities and competencies, in concert with those of our sister services, to improve joint warfighting. The Air Force will now organize, train, equip, support and sustain the AOC dedicated to space operations in the same manner as its other AOCs."

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