

727 EXPEDITIONARY AIR CONTROL SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

727 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron
Redesignated 727 Tactical Control Squadron
Redesignated 727 Air Control Squadron
Redesignated 727 Expeditionary Air Control Squadron
Inactivated

STATIONS

Shaw AFB, SC, 2 Sep 1950-26 Sep 1954
Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 27 Sep 1954-1 Nov 1966
Bergstrom AFB, TX, 1 Nov 1966-1 Oct 1979
Eglin AF Auxiliary Field #9 (Hurlburt Field), FL, 1 Oct 1979
Al Dhafra, United Arab Emirates

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

10 Feb 05 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron activated at Balad AB, Iraq.

Assignments:

Meritorious Unit Citation

1 May 04-31 Apr 05 (as the 727th EACS, part of the 332nd AEW)

Stations.

Balad AB, Iraq, 10 Feb 2005

Commanders.

Lt Col Scot "Nazi" Shively (728 ACS) 10 Feb-19 May 05

Lt Col Gene "Geno" Lee (726 ACS) 20 May -

Operations.

On 10 Feb 2005 the 727th EACS was formally activated at Balad AB, Iraq.

The EACS compound measured 948 ft long by 172 ft wide which encompassed 163,056 sq ft (3.75 acres). The site has an existing Iraqi equipment pyramid bunker situated on the north end. The site has a swing arm as the entry control point (ECP) and is ringed with 7 ft high chain link fence. The compound consisted of 13 "manned" shelters: Command Post - small Alaskan Shelter Commander Support Staff- 10-Man Temper Tent Operations Briefing/Mission Planning Cell - 10-Man Temper Tent Vehicle Maintenance Office /Supply - 10-Man Temper Tent AGE/HVAC Office/work shop - medium Alaskan Shelter Maintenance Office- 10-Man Temper Tent Radar Office - 10-Man Temper Tent Digital Maintenance Office - small Alaskan Shelter Operations

(Recreation Tent) - 10-Man Temper Tent Communications Tent - small Alaskan Shelter Recreation Tent - 10-Man Temper Tent Doc's Tent - mini Alaskan Shelter J-Cell - Prefabricated Building

Additional work shelters:

Supply - Sun Shade (Big Top Shelter)

Vehicle Maintenance - Sun Shade (Big Top Shelter)

Vehicle Maintenance (tire facility) - mini Alaskan Shelter

Mission equipment consisted of:

4 x TYQ-23 (Version 3) Operations Modules 2 x TSC-147 JTIDS Modules 2 x AN/TPS-75 Radar Sets
RRSVSOO (Remote Radio Set)

The squadron had 10 general purpose vehicles (GMC and Ford pick ups, and Chevy Blazers). 8 HMMWVs, 7 M-923/25 5-Ton, 4 x M-49 (fuel deuces), 5 x M-1022 mobilizers, 12 x M-720 mobilizers, 24 x M-1061 Generator Trailers, 8 x M-832 mobilizers, 4 x M149 (400 gallon water buffalo), and 7 x Polaris (4 and 6 wheeled) utility vehicles. Power was provided by two banks of 60Hz Tactical Quiet Generators supplied by two pods of six 500 gallon fuel pods.

Expeditionary Air Control Squadron

Deployment: Balad AB, Iraq, September 20 05 - February 2006

Control and Reporting Center

Equipment: Two (2) TPS-75

727th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

Myrtle Beach AFB, South Carolina

(?) - (?) {Personal accounts 1958 & 1959}

Activated: 27 September 1954

Subordinate to: 507th TCG at Shaw AFB, South Carolina

Equipment: MPS-11, MPS-14, MPS-16

Tactical Control Squadron

Myrtle Beach AFB, South Carolina

1 July, 1961 (?)

Deployments: Alaska 1965; Burnett, Texas 1965

Relocated: Shaw AFB, South Carolina

Relocated: Bergstrom AFB, Texas

Relocated: summer of 1979 to Hurlburt Field, Aux Field 9, Eglin AFB, Florida

Redesignated: 1979 TCS (Test)

Call sign: Exceed

Commanders:

1968, Colonel Lewis R. Smith

1978-1979, Lt Colonel Robert Pontius

1979, Lt Colonel Dale Willett

Equipment: UPS-1 (transferred to 728th Det 1) ; TPS-43 (Basic); Early 1968, AN/CPN-18, from Waco, Texas, Early 1968, AN/TPS-48, AN/TPS-43E, AN/TSQ-91, AN/TYC-10

Detachment 1

Seymour Johnson AFB, (64-66)

Equipment: MPS-11, MPS-16, TPS-22

Luke AFB, Phoenix, Arizona (66-68)

Air Control Squadron (Test)

Located: Hurlburt Field, Florida

Commander:

8 September 1994 - June 1995, Lt. Col. Robert "Bob" Pryor, Jr.

The 71st Expeditionary Air Control Squadron inactivated on Nov. 1 following a ceremony at Al Udeid AB, Qatar, where the unit has run command and control operations via remote radar, radio, and data link hubs since 2006, working to guide and maintain control of aircraft across US Central Command. The mission is now owned by the 727th EACS, said Lt. Col. Stuart Williamson, the 71st EACS commander. Since 2009, the 71st EACS has also worked to support operations in Afghanistan, focusing on command and control and battle management tasks to support troops conducting combat operations. In addition to the squadron's work in Afghanistan, the 71st EACS has coordinated and worked with numerous C2 agencies and has also worked to take over combined defense of the Arabian Gulf when the unit was tasked with the role, said Lt. Col. Christopher Wachter, the 379th Expeditionary Operations Group deputy commander. 2014

Members of the 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron installed a TPS-75 air surveillance radar at an undisclosed air base in Southwest Asia to improve long-range, real-time coverage of Arabian Gulf airspace. The air base is the operating location of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing. The TPS-75 gives radar operators of the squadron a larger and a more detailed picture as they monitor all air activity in the area, said unit officials. The squadron provides around-the-clock surveillance of the entire Arabian Gulf region, they said. The airmen began coordinating with the host nation in January to find a suitable site to support the TPS-75. A team of airman then set up the radar site in less than two days, completing the task on March 18. "This was a major goal of ours, and it's a really great feeling to get it accomplished," said Lt. Col. Steven Breitfelder, 727th EACS commander.

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