

# 73<sup>rd</sup> EXPEDITIONARY AIR CONTROL SQUADRON



## MISSION

### LINEAGE

73<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Control Flight constituted, 24 Jun 1969

Activated, 25 Jun 1969

Redesignated 73<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Control Squadron, 15 Aug 1988

Redesignated 73<sup>rd</sup> Air Control Squadron, 1 Nov 1991

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1992

Redesignated 73<sup>rd</sup> Expeditionary Air Control Squadron and converted to provisional status, 1 Jun 2005

### STATIONS

Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 25 Jun 1969-31 Jul 1992

### ASSIGNMENTS

728<sup>th</sup> Tactical Control Squadron, 25 Jun 1969

507<sup>th</sup> Tactical Air Control (later, Air Control) Wing, 1 Mar 1977

354<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, 1 May 1992-31 Jul 1992

Air Combat Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 1 Jun 2005

### COMMANDERS

### HONORS

#### Service Streamers

None

## Campaign Streamers

None

## Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

## Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

15 Jun 1970-31 May 1972

1 Jul 1971-30 Jun 1972

1 May 1974-30 Apr 1976

16 Jun 1974-15 Jun 1975

16 Jun 1975-31 May 1977

1 May 1981-30 Apr 1983

1 May 1983-30 Apr 1985

1 May 1985-30 Apr 1987

1 May 1989-31 Apr 1991

## EMBLEM



On a disc Or, a globe Azure, gridlined Argent, surmounted by a cobra poised to strike of the first, detailed Sable, eyed Gules, langued of the first, head Silver Gray, overall a sword point to base blade of the sixth, detailed of the third, grip of the fifth, all within a narrow border Black.. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "73D EXP AIR CONTROL SQUADRON" in Black letters. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "EYES OF THE SWORD" 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 globe represents the unit's worldwide mobility commitment to go anywhere at any time. The cobra's hood surrounding the sword represents the unit's radar and communications coverage that provides air forces with the essential information required for them to carry out their mission. The cobra poised to strike indicates the unit's military

preparedness. (Approved, 29 Dec 1988)

**MOTTO**

Eyes of the Sword

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

73rd Tactical Control Flight formed: late 1969

Equipment: TPS-44; TSQ-61

73 Expeditionary Air Control Squadron

Deployment: Afghanistan

Call Sign: Trump Card

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Sources

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