

USAF UNIT LINEAGE AND HONORS

UNIT DESIGNATION

507th Tactical Air Control Wing

STATUS

- ACTIVE
 INACTIVE
 DISBANDED
 DISCONTINUED

COMPONENT OF

- REGULAR AIR FORCE
 AIR FORCE RESERVE
 AIR NATIONAL GUARD
 UNALLOTTED

ASSIGNED TO

Ninth Air Force (TAC)

LINEAGE

Established as 507th Tactical Control Group on 30 Aug 1950. Activated on 2 Sep 1950. Redesignated: 507th Communications and Control Group on 15 Jul 1958; 507th Tactical Control Group on 1 Jul 1964; 507th Tactical Air Control Group on 15 Jun 1974; 507th Tactical Air Control Wing on 1 Oct 1976. Redesignated 507 Air Control Wing on 1 Oct 1991. Inactivated on 12 Jun 1992. Disbanded on 8 Sep 1994.

HONORS *(See reverse side for listing)*

SERVICE STREAMERS: None

CAMPAIGN STREAMERS: Four

ARROWHEADS: None

DECORATIONS: Eight

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SERVICE STREAMERS		Po Valley	Korean War
Theater of Operations (WWI)		Air Offensive, Europe	UN Defensive
American Theater (WWII)		Normandy	UN Offensive
EAME Theater (WWII)		Northern France	CCF Intervention
Asiatic-Pacific Theater (WWII)		Rhineland	First UN Counteroffensive
Korean Theater (Korean War)		Ardennes-Alsace	CCF Spring Offensive
Vietnam		Central Europe	UN Summer-Fall Offensive
CAMPAIGN STREAMERS		Air Combat	Second Korean Winter
World War I		Antisubmarine	Korea Summer-Fall, 1952
Somme Defensive		World War II, Asiatic-Pacific Theater	Third Korean Winter
Lys		Philippine Islands	Korea Summer-Fall, 1953
Champagne-Marne		East Indies	Vietnam
Aisne-Marne		Papua	Vietnam Advisory
Somme Offensive		Guadalcanal	Vietnam Defense
Oise-Aisne		Northern Solomons	Vietnam Air
St Mihiel		Bismarck Archipelago	Vietnam Air Offensive
Meuse-Argonne		New Guinea	VN Air Off, Phase II
		Leyte	VN Air Off, Phase III
		Luzon	Vietnam Air/Ground
		Southern Philippines	VN Air Off, Phase IV
		Central Pacific	TET 69/Counteroffensive
World War II, American Theater		Eastern Mandates	VN Summer-Fall, 1969
Antisubmarine		Western Pacific	VN Winter-Spring, 1970
World War II, EAME Theater		Ryukyus	Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Egypt-Libya		Air Offensive, Japan	Southwest Monsoon
Algeria-French Morocco		Burma	Commando Hunt V
Tunisia		India-Burma	Commando Hunt VI
Sicily		Central Burma	Commando Hunt VII
Naples-Foggia		China Defensive	Vietnam Ceasefire
Anzio		China Offensive	
Rome-Arno		Aleutian Islands	Defense of Saudi Arabia
Southern France		Air Combat	Liberation of Kuwait
North Apennines		Antisubmarine	

ARROWHEADS

DECORATIONS

Distinguished/Presidential Unit Citation (AF)	AF Outstanding Unit Awards
	1 Aug 1961-1 Aug 1963; 10-15 Feb 1973; 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 1989-30 Apr 1991 Air Force Expeditionary Streamer: Grenada; Panama, Just Cause
AF Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device	Foreign
	Other

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ASSIGNMENTS. Ninth Air Force (Tactical) (later, Ninth Air Force), 2 Sep 1950; Tactical Air Command, 1 Jan 1963; Ninth Air Force, 1 Mar 1965-12 Jun 1992.

HEADQUARTERS COMPONENT. Constituted Headquarters, 507th Tactical Control Group, on 30 Aug 1950. Activated on 2 Sep 1950. Redesignated: Headquarters, 507th Communications and Control Group, on 15 Jul 1958; Headquarters, 507th Tactical Control Group, on 1 Jul 1964; Headquarters, 507th Tactical Air Control Group, on 15 Jun 1974; Headquarters, 507th Tactical Air Control Wing, on 1 Oct 1976.

FLYING COMPONENTS.

549th Tactical Air Support Training Group: 1 Jan 1977-.

7th Airborne Command and Control Squadron: 14 Aug 1975-1 Oct 1976.

21st Helicopter Squadron: 15 Jul-27 Nov 1967.

21st Tactical Air Support Squadron: 15 Jun 1974-.

703d Tactical Air Support Squadron (later, 703d Special Operations Squadron; 703d Tactical Air Support Squadron [Helicopter]): 3 Apr 1967-25 Jul 1969; 15 Jun 1974- (not operational, 1 Oct 1975-28 Feb 1977).

704th Tactical Air Support Squadron: 15 Jun-1 Jul 1974.

5th Radar Calibration Unit (later, 5th Radar Calibration Flight): attached 15 Feb 1951-12 Mar 1953.

OTHER COMPONENTS.

8th Communications Group: attached 8 May-15 Jul 1958.

512th Tactical Control Group: attached 19 Oct 1956-1 Oct 1957.

3d Radio Relay Squadron: 15 Jul 1958-15 Jun 1962.

9th Tactical Intelligence Squadron: 30 Sep 1977-.

507th Direct Air Support Squadron: 1 Jul 1964-25 Jul 1969.

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507th Tactical Air Control Support Squadron (later, 507th Tactical Air Control Center Squadron): 15 Oct 1969- (detached 24 Oct 1969-unkn).*

507th Tactical Control Maintenance Squadron: 1 Jul 1964-1 Jul 1966 (not operational, 5 Mar 1965-1 Jul 1966).

628th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron: attached 3 Dec 1953-18 Jul 1955.

629th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron: attached 11 Jan-9 Nov 1954.

643d Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron: attached 15 Feb-15 Jul 1954.

651st Communications Squadron (Operations): 15 Jul 1958-1 Jul 1964.

682d Direct Air Support Center (later, 682d Air Support Operations Center) Squadron: 15 Jun 1974-.

726th Tactical Control Squadron: 2 Sep 1950-15 Jul 1958; 15 Oct 1969-.

727th Aircraft Control and Warning (later, 727th Tactical Control) Squadron: 2 Sep 1950-1 Jul 1966.

728th Aircraft Control and Warning (later, 728th Tactical Control) Squadron: 2 Sep 1950-.

729th Aircraft Control and Warning (later, 729th Tactical Control) Squadron: 5 Mar 1951-15 Jul 1958; 1 Jul 1964-25 Jun 1969; 15 Oct 1969-30 Jun 1977.

730th Tactical Control Squadron: 1 Feb 1972-30 Jun 1977 (detached, 1 Feb-22 Jun 1972).

941st Forward Air Control Squadron: attached 20 Nov 1952-8 Mar 1954.

4462d Tactical Air Control Support Squadron: 25 Jun-15 Oct 1969 (detached entire period under Ninth Air Force).

4464th Tactical Control Squadron: 25 Jun-15 Oct 1969.

4465th Tactical Control Squadron: 25 Jun-15 Oct 1969.

4507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: 1 Oct 1975-.

*This squadron was under direct operational control of Ninth Air Force from 24 Oct 1969 through most of the 1970s and perhaps later. Histories of the 507th Wing do not indicate when, if ever, Ninth Air Force relinquished operational control of this squadron.

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71st Tactical Control Flight: 1 Mar 1977-.

72d Tactical Control Flight: 1 Mar 1977-.

73d Tactical Control Flight: 1 Mar 1977-.

74th Tactical Control Flight: 1 Mar 1977-1 Oct 1979.

75th Tactical Control Flight: 1 Feb 1972-1 Jun 1974 (detached 1 Feb 1972-13 Sep 1973); 1 Mar 1977-1 Jul 1983.

DETACHMENTS OF HEADQUARTERS COMPONENT.

Det 1 (Eglin Aux Fld No. 3, Fla): 15 Feb-1 Jul 1964.

Det 1 (MacDill AFB, Fla): 16 Aug 1965-25 Jun 1969.

Det 1 (Eglin Aux Fld No. 3, Fla): 25 Jun 1969-1 Feb 1972.

Det 1 (Ft Bragg, NC): 1 Oct 1977-.

Det 2 (Eglin Aux Fld No. 3, Fla): 25 Jun-15 Oct 1969.

Det 2 (Ft Stewart, Ga): 1 Oct 1977-.

Det 3 (Eglin Aux Fld No. 4, Fla): 16 Jul 1969-1 Feb 1972.

Det 3 (Ft Knox, Ky): 1 Oct 1977-.

Det 4 (Ft Benning, Ga): 1 Oct 1977-.

Det 5 (Ft Campbell, Ky): 1 Nov 1978-.

Det 6 (Ft Polk, La): 15 Jan 1980-.

Det 7 (Ft Riley, Kans): 1 Apr 1980-.

STATIONS. Pope AFB, NC, 2 Sep 1950; Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jul 1954-12 Jun 1992

COMMANDERS. Col William H Schwartz Jr, 2 Sep 1950; Lt Col John

French, 16 Apr 1951; Col William H Schwartz Jr, c. 21 May 1951; Col Leslie C Heartz, 8 Oct 1951; Col Henry Riera, 2 Jul 1953; Col Hubert N Sturdivant, 1 Aug 1958; Col John A McVey, 30 Oct 1958; Col Charles E Williams Jr, 3 Jan 1961; Col John S Ross, 16 Jul 1964; Col Andrew F Gordon, 16 Oct 1964; Col Delwin D Bentley, 1 Apr 1965; Col Harry L Downing Jr, 12 Mar 1967; Col Francis J Vetort, 1 Sep 1969; Col Paul L Park, 30 Sep 1969; Col Robert C

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Kerr, 25 Jun 1971; Col John R Stoner, 5 Apr 1972; Col Walter H Lane, 3 Feb 1975; Col John R Zartman, 30 Jan 1976; Col Jerry W Osgood, 26 Apr 1978; Col Jack L Van Loan, 22 May 1979; Col Keith B Connolly, 15 Aug 1980; Col Henry M Yochum II, 22 Jul 1982; Col John F Lewis, 2 Nov 1982; Col James H Martin, 16 Nov 1982-. Continued at bottom of page

AIRCRAFT. CH-3, 1967-1969, 1974-; O-1, 1967-1968; OV-10, 1974-; O-2, 1974-; C-130, 1975-1976. O-2A, 1976-1986; CH-3, 1982-1988; OV-10, 1982-1991; OT-37B, 1986-1988; OA-10, 1991-1992.

OPERATIONS. The 507th was formed as a tactical control group during the Korean war build-up, charged with providing for tactical forces the necessary air surveillance, control, and reporting facilities for effective application. Since the Korean war the 507th, through its several designations, has continued a basic mission of maintaining necessary components and facilities for a Tactical Air Control System (TACS). In 1956-1957 the 507th assisted the 512th Tactical Control Group to become organized and operational at Foster AFB, Texas. Twice during its existence the 507th has merged with and absorbed resources of other organizations: the 8th Communications Group in Jul 1958 and the 68th Tactical Air Support Group in Jun 1974. The 507th has continuously supported tactical exercises and training on a world-wide basis since its first major exercise (Southern Pine) in 1951.

Commanders. Col Richard G. Rhyne, 5 Apr 1985; Col Gen L. Juve, 15 May 1987; Col Thomas A. Owens, 1 May 1989; Col James C. Wray, 14 Jun 1991-12 Jun 1992.

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Significance

The light blue background represents the sky. The red symbolizes the earth. The pair of white hands represents support provided to the unit's aircraft. The white lines represent radar beams. The yellow-winged comet symbolizes aircraft, while the blue lines highlighted in yellow depict military strength and authority. The lightning bolt represents the accomplishment of missions with speed, accuracy, and success.

Coelis Imperamus (We Command the Skies)

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