

**USAF ESTABLISHMENT LINEAGE AND HONORS HISTORY**

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ESTABLISHMENT DESIGNATION

601st Tactical Control Wing

STATUS

- ACTIVE
- INACTIVE
- DISBANDED
- DISCONTINUED

COMPONENT OF

- REGULAR AIR FORCE
- AIR FORCE RESERVE
- AIR NATIONAL GUARD
- UNALLOTTED

ASSIGNED TO

Seventeenth Air Force (USAFE)

LINEAGE

Established as 601st Tactical Control Wing, and activated, on 18 Jan 1968. Organized on 1 Jul 1968.

Redesignated: 601 Support Wing on 31 Mar 1992; 601 Air Base Wing on 1 Oct 1993. Inactivated on 31 Mar 1995. Redesignated 601 Air Expeditionary Wing, converted to provisional status, and assigned to USAFE to activate or inactivate at any time after 5 Feb 2001.

HONORS			
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	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 Ceasfire
	Anzio	China Offensive	ARROWHEADS
	Rome-Arno	Aleutian Islands	
	Southern France	Air Combat	
	North Apennines	Antisubmarine	
DECORATIONS			
DISTINGUISHED/PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (AF)		AF OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARDS WITH COMBAT "V" DEVICE	
FOREIGN		AF OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARDS	
OTHER		1 May 1981-30 Apr 1983.	

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ASSIGNMENTS. United States Air Forces in Europe, 18 Jan 1968;  
Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1968; 65th Air Division, 1 Jun 1985;  
Seventeenth Air Force, 31 Jul 1987-.

COMPONENTS.

Headquarters, 601st Tactical Control Wing: 18 Jan 1968- (not operational 18 Jan-30 Jun 1968).

600th Tactical Control Group: 20 Sep 1976-1 Jun 1985.

601st Air Support Operations Center (later, 601st Air Support Operations) Group: 15 Mar 1984-1 Jun 1985.

601st Combat Support Group: 1 Jul 1968-1 Jun 1985.

601st Tactical Air Support Group: 1 Jul 1973-1 Nov 1975; 1 May 1977-15 Oct 1985 (not operational 15 May-15 Oct 1985).

601st Tactical Control Group: 1 Jul 1973-1 Jun 1985.

602d Air Support Operations Center (later, 602d Air Support Operations) Group: 15 Mar 1984-1 Jun 1985.

4th Medical Service Squadron: 1 Nov 1973-30 Jun 1975.

7th Special Operations Squadron: 15 Oct 1975-1 Jul 1977.

20th Tactical Air Support Squadron: 1 Nov 1975-1 May 1977.

601st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: 1 Jul-1 Sep 1973; 1 Nov 1975-1 May 1977; 1 Jun 1985-9 Dec 1986 (detached 1 Aug-9 Dec 1986).

601st Direct Air Support (later, 601st Air Support Operations) Squadron: 1 Jul 1968-1 Jul 1973.

601st Supply Squadron: 1 Jul 1968-1 Jun 1985.

601st Tactical Air Support Squadron: 1 Nov 1975-1 May 1977; 1 Jun 1985-.

601st Tactical Control Maintenance Squadron: 1 Jul 1968-1 Jul 1973.

601st Tactical Control Squadron: 1 Jul 1968-1 Jul 1973; 1 Jun 1985-.

601st Transportation Squadron: 24 Jun 1974-1 Jun 1985.

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602d Tactical Control Squadron: 1 Jun-1 Aug 1985 (not operational 1 Jun-1 Aug 1985).

603d Tactical Control Squadron: 1 Jun 1985-29 Sep 1986.

606th Tactical Control Squadron: 1 Jun 1985-.

609th Tactical Squadron: 15 Jun-1 Jul 1976; 1 Jun 1985-.

615th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron: 1 Jun 1985-29 Sep 1986.

704th Tactical Air Support Squadron: 4 Jul 1976-1 May 1977.

7101st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: 1 Jun-1 Jul 1973.

7113th Special Activities Squadron: 7 Feb 1976-1 Nov 1979.

7122d Broadcasting Squadron: 7 Feb 1976-1 Jan 1977.

7201st Comptroller Squadron: 15 Nov 1983-1 Jun 1985.

7405th Operations Squadron: 1 Jun 1973-1 Jul 1977.

7420th Radar Evaluation Squadron: 1 Jun 1973-1 Jul 1975.

611th Tactical Control Flight: 29 Sep 1986-.

622d Tactical Control Flight: 29 Sep 1986-.

601st USAF Dispensary (later, 601st Tactical Hospital): 1 Jul 1968-30 Jun 1971; 22 Oct 1979-29 Jan 1982.

USAF Clinic, Rhein-Main: 1 Jul 1975-1 Apr 1979.

USAF Dispensary (later, USAF Clinic), Sembach: 1 Jul 1971-1 Jun 1973; 1 Jan 1975-1 Jun 1985.

USAF Hospital, Wiesbaden: 1 Nov 1973-30 Jun 1975.

Detachments, Headquarters, 601st Tactical Control Wing:

Det 1 (Sembach AB, West Germany): 1 Jul 1968-8 Mar 1985 (detached for operational control 1 Jun 1976-8 Mar 1985).

Det 1 (Rhein-Main AB, West Germany): 1 Apr 1986-.

Det 2 (Kindsbach Comms Facility, West Germany): 1 Nov 1968-30 Apr 1973.

Det 2 (Frankfurt Admin Office, West Germany): 1 Nov 1975-15 Mar 1984 (detached for operational control 1 May 1977-15 Mar 1984).

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Det 3 (Freising Admin Office, West Germany): 1 Nov 1968-1 Apr 1972.

Det 3 (Muehringen Army Instl, West Germany): 1 Nov 1975-15 Mar 1984  
(detached for operational control c. 1 May 1977-15 Mar 1984).

Det 4 (Ramstein AB, West Germany): 1 Nov 1968-10 Nov 1970.

Det 5 (Ramstein (later moved to Sembach) AB, West Germany): 1 Oct  
1970- 31 Jan 1973.

Det 5 (Lindsey AS, West Germany): 1 Sep 1975-1 Jul 1977.

Det 6 (Lauda, West Germany): 1 Nov 1968-31 Mar 1972.

Det 7 (Ramstein AB, West Germany): 1 Mar 1976- (detached for  
operational control 1 Mar 1976-).

Det 8 (Sembach AB, West Germany): 15 Apr 1976- (detached for  
operational control 15 Apr 1976-).

Det 9 (Kalkar, West Germany): 1 May 1977-30 Jun 1986 (detached for  
operational control 1 May 1977-30 Jun 1986).

Det 10 (Ramstein AB, West Germany): 1 Feb 1981- (detached for  
operational control unkn-).

Det 11 (Sembach AB, West Germany): 1 Apr 1985-.

STATIONS. Sembach AB, West Germany, 1 Jul 1968; Wiesbaden AB, West  
Germany, 1 Jun 1973; Sembach AB, West Germany, 1 Jan 1976-.

COMMANDERS. Col Jack R Best, 1 Jul 1968; Col Carlos E Dannacher,  
5 Jan 1970; Col Robert L Jones, 28 Jun 1971; Col (later, Brig Gen) David E  
Rippetoe Jr, 7 Jul 1972; Col Fleetwood Pride Jr, 9 Jun 1975; Col Ralph W  
Haymaker, 1 Apr 1976; Col (later, Brig Gen) Paul H Hodges, 21 Mar 1977;  
Brig Gen Leon W Babcock Jr, 14 Apr 1979; Brig Gen Christian F Dreyer Jr,  
15 Jun 1981; Brig Gen Robert A Norman, 20 Apr 1983; Col Walter C Hersman,  
3 Jul 1985; Col Thomas A Cardwell III, 21 Oct 1985-.

AIRCRAFT. O-2, 1972-1974; OV-10, 1973-1984; CH-53, 1975- ; C-97,  
1975; C-130, 1976-1977.

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OPERATIONS. Working with United States Air Forces in Europe and other branches of the U.S. and Allied armed forces in Europe, planned, directed, manned, controlled, and provided logistical support for tactical air control functions required by HQ, Seventeenth Air Force. Operations included fixed and mobile radar air surveillance and control of the airspace primarily over West Germany. Owned air and ground forward air controller assets, 1972-1984. Following a major reorganization in Jun 1985, wing reduced to tactical control of aircraft, radar air surveillance, and helicopter operations. Turned over the last fixed radar site to the West German Air Force in Aug 1986. Provided air defense surveillance radar support to the government of Saudi Arabia, Oct 1980-.

HONORS. One decoration. (see page 2.)

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