

104th Unit History

The 104 TCS has seen many changes since its inception nearly twenty years ago. We have come a long way with changes in equipment, manning, mission and location. To some extent, the future holds the same. We have progressed from using outdated equipment housed in an aircraft hangar at Kingsley Field to possessing state-of-the-art radar and satellite communications systems. We have a new home, the Coos Head ANG Station, the "showcase" of the Oregon Air National Guard.

Within the next few years we will enter the world of the Modular Control Element (MCE). This new system of tactical air control will increase radar capability and unit manning. With this, we will improve and add to our mission, including the very important one of drug interdiction. The 104th continues to prepare for and respond to any threat. We look forward to the challenges ahead. We also take great pride in our past.

Mission Statement

The 104 TCS will provide operationally ready equipment and personnel to the Air Force to perform as a mobile forward air control agency. The FACP will provide control of offensive and defensive air operations, and early warning and gap-filler responsibilities within its area of responsibility. In time of local emergency, the 104th will respond to the call of the Governor and the Adjutant General.

Unit History

The organization began with federal recognition on June, 19, 1971. Two units, the 104th TCS (CRP) and the 104th TCF (FACP), were organized. A major reorganization occurred in 1976, forcing the inactivation of the 104th TCS on March 31st and the redesignation of the flight as the 104th Tactical Control Flight (FACP-H).

In June 1981 the unit was relocated from Klamath Falls to North Bend AFS on the Oregon coast. In April 1984 the unit obtained 100 percent manning for the first time since its relocation due in part to an aggressive recruiting effort.

In June 1987 the 14th TCF/OLAA was established at Kingsley Field, Oregon to provide radar control for the growing fighter training mission there.

In March 1988 the unit relocated to Coos Head ANG Station, Coos Bay, Oregon, and in October it was redesignated the 104th Tactical Control Squadron.

The unit's primary equipment is the AN/TPS-43E radar, AN/TRC-97 wideband radio, AN/TSC-60 high frequency radio, AN/TGC-27 communications van, AN/TSC-94 satellite communications set, and AN/TSQ-61X operations van.

The 104th TCS was the recipient of the Oregon Air National Guard Outstanding Unit Award in 1977 and 1978. The 104th was recognized with an Air Force Outstanding Unit

Award in 1979 and was awarded the Oregon Air National Guard Minuteman Trophy in 1980, 1982 and 1983.

The 104th TCS has participated in many exercises, including “Brim Frost” in Alaska and the 114th TFTS’ annual “Sentry Eagle.” (OreANG Commemorative History)