

104th AIR CONTROL SQUADRON



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104th Tactical Control Squadron activated, 9 Jun 1971

104th Air Control Squadron, 16 Jun 1992

STATIONS

Klamath Falls, OR

North Bend AFS, OR

Coos Head ANG Station, Oregon

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Major John Carter

LTC Wayne C. LeCours, #1991

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 1979

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Two units, the first to be formed outside of Portland, were located at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls. They were the 104th Tactical Control Squadron (CRP), commanded by Maj Bill

Stonecypher, and the 104th Tactical Control Flight (FACP), commanded by Capt Gary Pedersen.

The organization began with federal recognition on June, 19, 1971. Two units, the 104th TCS (CRP) and the 104th TCP (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 August, they deployed to Reecer Creek, Washington in support of a Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) exercise called Brave Shield XIV. After the exercise, the 104th was recognized as the best unit in camouflage and concealment techniques.

By the middle of the decade, the units would be caught in the post-Vietnam drawdown, and by 1976 only the 153 TACC, 116 TCS, and a reorganized 104 TCF would remain. This drawdown continued with the later elimination of the 153rd.

1977 began to see the culmination of many years of hard work by the 104 TCS. They were selected as the first FACP to participate in Red Flag exercises in Nevada. They were awarded the Oregon Outstanding Unit Award in June. In July, they received the USAF Outstanding Unit Award.

October, 1980: Oregon Governor Victor Atiyeh announced the relocation of the 104 Tactical Control Flight from Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, to North Bend on the Oregon Coast.

January, 1981: The 104 TCF successfully deployed to Eielson AFB, Alaska to participate in the Joint Chiefs' exercise "Brim Frost". Shortly thereafter, the unit began to prepare for their permanent move to the recently-vacated Air Force radar station at North Bend.

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 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 TFTR's annual "Sentry Eagle."

Deactivating as a unit on 30 September 1996. Approximately two-thirds of its personnel returned to positions at Kingsley Field after the unit's deactivation and the build-up of the 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron (ATCS).

104 Tactical Control Squadron
Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Oregon ANG
Activated: 19 June, 1971
Control & Reporting Post: 20 August, 1971
Manning: 27 Officer, 213 Airmen
Equipment MPS-11, TPS-40
Inactivated: 31 March 1976

104 Tactical Control Squadron
Reorganized and redesignated: 104th AC&WS, 16 June 1952

Klamath Falls, OR
104 Tactical Control Flight
Forward Air Control Post
Constituted and allotted to the Oregon Air National Guard: 19 June 1971
Kingsley Air Force Station, Klamath Falls, Oregon
Subordinate to: 153rd Tactical Control Group.
Redesignated: 104th Tactical Control Flight (Forward Air Control Post - Heavy) 1 April 1976
Reassigned to: 154th Tactical Control Group
Relocated: North Bend Air National Guard Station, North Bend, Oregon, 1 June 1981
Relocated: Coos Head Air National Guard Station Coos Head, Oregon, 21 March 1988
Redesignated: 104th Tactical Control Squadron 15 October 1988.

104 Tactical Control Flight
Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Oregon
Activated: 19 June, 1971
Forward Air Control Post: 20 August, 1971
Manning: 5 Officer, 43 Airmen
Activated: 19 June, 1971
Relocated: North Bend Air National Guard Station
June, 1981
Deployed: Pedro Dome, Alaska, Brim Frost January 1983
Relocated: Coos Head Air National Guard Station Coos Head, Oregon,
March, 1988
Manning: 5 Officers, 36 Airmen
Subordinate to: 154th TCG
Deactivated: 15 October, 1988
Redesignated: 104th Air Control Squadron on 16 June 1992
Equipment: TPS-44, TPS-43E

104 Tactical Control Squadron - OLAA
Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Oregon

104 Air Control Squadron
Redesignated: 16 June, 1992
Deactivated: 30 September 1996
Equipment: TPS-75

346th AIRDROME SQUADRON

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