

115th DIRECT AIR SUPPORT CENTER SQUADRON

LINEAGE

STATIONS

Traux Field, Madison, WI

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Phil Brickson

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

One of the biggest problems with this transition was the lack of equipment. A Tactical Air Support (TAS) unit needs a tremendous amount of equipment, radios, vehicles, tents, etc., and by 1977, it was still not all available. To overcome that shortage, Lt Col Brickson took the DASC to Battle Creek where they could get hands-on practice with equipment they did not yet have. It was a very effective way of having the personnel up to speed when the equipment did arrive.

RED FLAG at Nellis AFB was another way to increase experience rapidly and the unit took advantage of it. While working at RED FLAG, Brig Gen Hoff and Col Skinvik were injured in an unfortunate accident.

In 1979, the fact that we have a premier unit was demonstrated again when the 128th became the first jet FAC unit. Not to minimize the hard work involved, in a smooth and fast transition, the unit received A-37's (renamed OA-37's) and kept the same Tactical Air Support mission. It was an invigorating change with an opportunity to do innovative work in an airplane better suited to the mission. At the same time the DASC was deactivated and the dedicated people who had retrained to fill essential vacancies in the DASC, retrained again to fill essential vacancies in other units.

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