

377th AIR BASE WING



MISSION

The 377th Air Base Wing furnishes the talent, resources, equipment and facilities to support the Kirtland AFB community--active duty members, retirees, dependents and civilians. That support includes supply, finance, medical care, housing, civil engineering, fire protection, administrative support, personnel services, legal assistance, transportation, security and law enforcement. Fire protection duties include crash and rescue support for the adjacent Albuquerque International Sunport and Sandia National Laboratories

LINEAGE

377th Combat Support Group established, activated and organized, 8 Apr 1966

Redesignated 377th Air Base Wing, 17 Jan 1972

Inactivated, 28 Mar 1973

Redesignated 377th Combat Support Wing, 1 Jun 1985

Activated, 14 Jun 1985

Inactivated, 1 May 1991

Redesignated 377th Air Base Wing and activated, 1 Jan 1993

STATIONS

Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, 8 Apr 1966–28 Mar 1973

Ramstein AB, Germany, 14 Jun 1985–1 May 1991

Kirtland AFB, NM, 1 Jan 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

Seventh Air Force, 8 Apr 1966–28 Mar 1973

316th Air Division, 14 Jun 1985–1 May 1991

Space and Missile Systems Center, 1 Jan 1993

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C/VC-47, 1966, 1972-1973

VC-54, 1966

VC-123, 1966, 1972

C/VC-118, 1972-1973

T-39, 1972-1973

A-37, 1972

C-123, 1972

C-7, 1972

EC-47, 1972

O-2, 1972-1973

COMMANDERS

Col George Budway, 8 Apr 1966

Col Grover K. Coe, 8 Oct 1966

Col Farley E. Peebles, 4 Oct 1967

Col Benjamin B. Shields, 26 Jul 1968

Col Frank E. Marek, 1969

Col Harold E. Hobbs, 31 Jul 1970

Col Charles D. Gunn, Jr., 10 Jul 1971

Col David A. Odell, 27 Jun 1972-28 Mar 1973

Col Leslie A. Hobgood, 14 Jun 1985

Col Eugene A. Lupia, 28 Jul 1986

Col William D. Eckert, 15 Jun 1988

Col Adelbert W. Carpenter, 12 Jan 1990- 1 May 1991

BG James L. Higham, 1 Jan 1993

Col Felix Sanchez, 6 Nov 1993

BG Charles H. Perez, 14 Feb 1999

Col Elizabeth A. Harrell, 14 Jun 1995

Col Gary D. Dills, 18 Nov 1996

Col Polly A. Peyer, 2 Jun 1999

Col Jan D. Eakle, 20 Sep 2000

Col Kathleen D. Close, 25 Jan 2002

Col Henry L. Andrews Jr., 10 Jul 2003

Col Terrance Feehan, 7 Jul 2005

Col Robert E. Suminsby, Jr., Jul 2006

Col Michael S. Duvall, 22 Jul 2008

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam

Vietnam Air

Vietnam Air Offensive

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV

TET 69/Counteroffensive

Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969

Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive

Southwest Monsoon

Commando Hunt V

Commando Hunt VI

Commando Hunt VII

Vietnam Ceasefire

Air Force Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

8 Apr 1966– 31 May 1967

31 Jan–31 Mar 1968

1 Apr 1969–31 Mar 1971

17 Jan 1972– 28 Mar 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

14 Jun 1985–13 Jun 1987

1 May 1989–30 Apr 1991

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

[8] Apr 1966–28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM

Light Blue, a bend triparted Gules, Argent, and Azure, between in chief a flight symbol of the last fimbriated Argent, emitting a vapor trail fesswise to sinister chief, and bend sinisterwise to base passing under the triparted bend all Azure, and in base a plate rimmed and gridlined Azure surmounted by a tiger's head affronte coupé Or garnished Brown and Argent with mouth Gules; all within a diminished bordure Or. (Approved; 17 Jul 1967; Approved, 31 Jul 1969 and slightly revised, 28 Feb 1995)

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OPERATIONS

Replaced 6250th Combat Support Group in Apr 1966. Responsible for operation and maintenance of USAF portion of Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, Apr 1966–Mar 1973. Responsibilities included housing numerous tenant organizations including Seventh Air Force, base defense, and liaison with South Vietnamese Air Force. Underwent numerous enemy attacks. ROCKET ATTACKS ON TAN SON NHUT AIR BASE, 30 JAN THROUGH 1 FEB 68 AND 18 FEB THROUGH 1 MAR 68; REPORT OF 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLE ATTACK ON TAN SON NHUT, 21 MAR 68;

Further responsible for Binh Thuy AB, South Vietnam, 12 May–1 Jul 1970. Provided support for Seventh Air Force flying operations with C–47, C–123, and C–54, Jun–Dec 1966. In Sep 1971, again became responsible for supporting base flight T–39, C–54, C–47, C–118, as well as C–130 of 834th Air Division.

Elevated to Air Base Wing in Jan 1972 and gained a tactical mission and combat units.

Operated the Southeast Asia Central Instructor Pilots School, in which the 360th TEWS used C/EC–47s, 15 Feb–Nov 1972.

Operated a Combat Crew Training School at Phu Cat, South Vietnam, with C–7, 15 Mar–Oct 1972.

Resumed base flight operations at Tan Son Nhut in Jan 1972, operating and maintaining C–47, C–118, and T–39 aircraft. With the 8th Special Operations Squadron (A–37s), performed strike missions, Jan–Oct 1972; the 9th Special Operations Squadron (O–2s and C–47s) conducted psychological warfare operations, Jan–Feb 1972; the 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron (Light) conducted air liaison and forward air control operations, Mar 1972–28 Jan 1973; the 310th Tactical Airlift Squadron (C/UC–123s, Jan–Jun 1972 and C–7s, Mar–Oct 1972) performed airlift and airdrop missions, Jan–Oct 1972; the 360th Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (C/EC–47s) conducted airborne radio–direction finding operations, Feb–Nov 1972, and psychological warfare operations, Feb–Aug 1972.

Established an operating location of the wing headquarters at Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, on 14 Apr 1972, to provide turn-around service for F–4s of other organizations.

It was replaced on 20 Jun 1972 by Detachment 1 of the wing headquarters, which continued the F–4 turn-around service and added A–7 turn-around service on 30 Oct 1972. The detachment continued operations through 11 Feb 1973. Wing phased down for inactivation, Feb–Mar 1973, transferring many assets to South Vietnamese Air Force.

Replaced the 86th Combat Support Group at Ramstein AB, Germany, on 14 Jun 1985. Provided support services for Ramstein and other locations in the Kaiserslautern military community and

beyond, 1985–1991.

Activated as host wing at Kirtland AFB on 1 Jan 1993.

The 377th Air Base Wing at Kirtland AFB, N.M., transferred to Air Force Global Strike Command, Oct. 1, as part of efforts to consolidate nuclear readiness and support with the operational mission. The 377th ABW was previously assigned to Air Force Materiel Command but will now report to 20th Air Force, which oversees AFGSC's nuclear ICBM force. The change "highlights the continued improvements the Air Force is making in the nuclear enterprise to ensure we remain the most credible, capable, and reliable force for our nation," 20th AF Commander Maj. Gen. Jack Weinstein said. Approximately 1,796 airmen and civilian employees at Kirtland will transition from AFMC to AFGSC, retaining their previous roles and responsibilities. AFGSC also recently absorbed the B-1 bomber force, gaining the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess AFB, Texas, and the 28th BW at Ellsworth AFB, S.D., from Air Combat Command. The service is additionally restructuring the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, also at Kirtland, though the center will remain under AFMC. 2015

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Sources

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