

603rd AIR AND SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER



MISSION

603rd Air and Space Operations Center mission: Plan, direct and assess operational level command & control of integrated air, space, and cyber power to support EUCOM and AFRICOM across the operations spectrum.

The 603rd AOC provides command and control of air and space power in U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command's areas of responsibility.

To accomplish the mission, the AOC utilizes the strengths and efforts of over 400 enlisted, officers, and DoD civilian personnel, as well as assistance from coalition nations, and personnel from the 19th Battlefield Coordination Detachment and elements of the 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command.

During large-scale contingency operations, the 603rd AOC facility is able to support more than 600 individuals. The synergistic efforts of the 603rd AOC's five divisions enable execution of day- to-day operations, exercises, and real-world contingencies in support of the 3rd Air Force commander as the Combined Forces Air Component Commander (CFACC) for the U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command areas of responsibility.

The \$24 million, 55,000-square-foot facility, which opened in 2011, operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year to support joint and coalition efforts in Europe and Africa.

The 603rd AOC is the innovative leader for real-world execution and operational testing in air, space, and information operations. The expansive communications infrastructure installed at

the 603rd AOC makes this facility ideal for testing new command and control, communication, and intelligence systems prior to fielding the capabilities within AOC's around the globe.

The 603rd AOC has five divisions: Strategy; Combat Plans; Combat Operations; Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance; and Air Mobility. In addition, several Specialty and Combat Support Teams provide cross-functional support and expertise to all divisions.

LINEAGE

603rd Air and Space Operations Center established, 29 Nov 2006

Activated, 1 Dec 2006

Redesignated 603rd Air Operations Center, 16 Dec 2014

STATIONS

Ramstein AB, Germany, 1 Dec 2006

ASSIGNMENTS

Third Air Force (Air Forces Europe), 1 Dec 2006

United States Air Forces in Europe, 20 Oct 2017

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Dec 2006-31 Dec 2007

1 Jan 2008-30 Jun 2009

1 May 2012-31 Dec 2013

EMBLEM

Azure, in bend a nebuly Gules, superimposed by a falcon rising, wings elevated and addorsed Spicebrown, emitting two lightning flashes from the talons bendwise sinister Or striking a globe issuant from base of the first and gridlined Argent, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "603D AIR AND SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER" in Blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The nebuly signifies the unit's valor and patience in battle. The globe represents the extensive reach of the Center. The falcon symbolizes speed, vision and determination. The lightning

flashes embody the power of the AOC commands. Like the falcon, the unit will not rest until the objective is achieved. (Approved, 4 Jun 2007, newest rendition approved, 14 Apr 2015)

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Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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