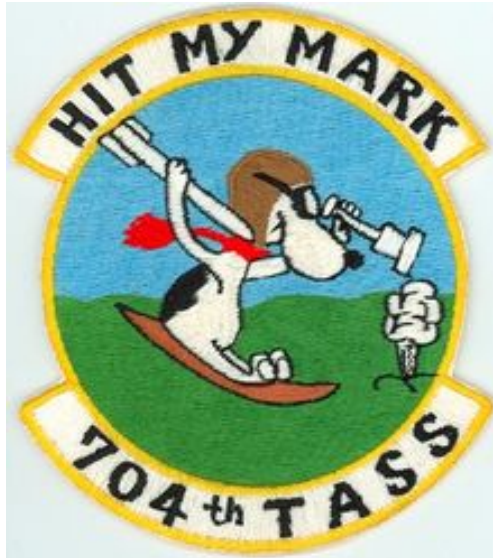


## 704 TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

704 Tactical Air Support Squadron activated, 4 Jul 1976  
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1984

### STATIONS

Sembach AB, West Germany, 4 Jul 1976

### ASSIGNMENTS

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

OV-10

### COMMANDERS

### HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

### EMBLEM



## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

7 Jan 1982 704th TASS pilots deployed to Zaragoza, Spain, for 21 days of WTD training.

February 1984, the 601st TCW and all its assigned units were awarded the "Air Force Outstanding Award" for the period 1 May 1981 through 30 April 1983. Next, due to a congressionally-imposed European troop strength ceiling, all 45 wing OV-10A aircraft along with approximately 800 support personnel of both flying squadrons (the 20th TASS and 704th TASS) and much of the maintenance complex returned to the states during the period 5 June 1984 through 29 August 1984. This major move reduced four squadrons (20th TASS, 704th TASS, 601st ACS and 601st CRS) to zero manning and equipment. Another 601st CAMS was activated. In any event, the first wave of 12 OV-10As took off from Sembach AB on the morning of 5 June 1984. The 15 day trip averaged about 40 total flying hours and the cells landed at George AFB, California, on 19 June 1984. The second wave of 12 OV-10As took off from Sembach AB on 10 July 1984, and despite being put on a weather hold at Keflavik, Iceland, landed at George AFB 12 days later. The third wave of 12 OV-10As departed Sembach AB on 30 July 1984 and, after an uneventful 12 day flight, they landed at George AFB on 11 August 1984.

Finally, marking an end of an era for OV-10A operations in Europe, on 29 August 1984, the fourth and last wave of nine OV-10A aircraft took off from Sembach AB for the 6,500 mile journey to George AFB. As was the case with the preceding flights, the trip went remarkably well and all aircraft landed at the California base on 7 September 1984. The 45 OV-10A aircraft previously assigned to the 601st TCW were now assigned to the 27th TASS at George AFB. With the transfer of wing OV-10As to George AFB, more than 650 maintenance and flying squadron technicians moved. Effective 15 July 1984, the 601st Aircraft Generation Squadron and the 601st Component Repair Squadron were inactivated. Simultaneously, their supplies, equipment, and many of their personnel were transferred to the newly activated 601st

Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Last but not least, the wing's two Bronco squadrons (the 20th and 704th TASS) were inactivated on 30 September 1984.

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