

## 726 AIR CONTROL SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

The 726 Air Control Squadron is responsible for mobile, decentralized command and control of joint operations by conducting threat warning, battle management, theater missile defense, weapons control, combat identification, and strategic communications.

726 Tactical Control Squadron constituted, 30 Aug 1950

Activated, 2 Sep 1950

Inactivated, 15 Jul 1958

Activated, 15 Oct 1969

Redesignated 726 Air Control Squadron, 1 Nov 1999

### **STATIONS**

Pope AFB, SC, 2 Sep 1950

Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jul 1954-15 Jul 1958

Homestead AFB, FL, 15 Oct 1969

Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Oct 1992

Mountain Home AFB, ID, 21 Jul 1996

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

507 Tactical Control Group, 2 Sep 1950-15 Jul 1958

507 Tactical Control Group (later, 507 Tactical Air Control Group; 507 Tactical Air Control Wing; 507 Air Control Wing), 15 Oct 1969

31 Operations Group, 1 May 1992

363 Operations Group, 20 Nov 1992

Ninth Air Force, 31 Dec 1993

20 Operations Group, 1 Jan 1994

366 Operations Group, 21 Jun 1996

552 Air Control Group, 1 May 2008

## **MISSION EQUIPMENT**

MPS-11

TPS-40

TPS-43 S/N 005

AN/TPS-75

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Charles V. Wesley

LTC David M. Gaedecke

LTC Gerald J. Meyers

LTC Lee Gardner, 2003

LTC Alvin Vann, 2006

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

Southwest Asia

Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

### **Kosovo**

Air Campaign

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Meritorious Unit Award

1 Jan 2007-31 May 2008

### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

16 Jun 1974-15 Jun 1975

16 Jun 1975-31 May 1977

1 May 1981-30 Apr 1983

1 May 1983-30 Apr 1985

1 May 1987-30 Apr 1989

20 Nov 1992-31 Dec 1993

1 Jan-31 Dec 1994

1 Jun 1996-31 May 1998

1 Jun 2001-31 May 2002

1 Jun 2003-31 May 2005

1 Jun 2005-31 May 2006

## EMBLEM



The radar sail above the eagle is indicative of a radar unit. The blue globe indicates the mobility of the unit with a worldwide capability. The lightning circling the globe shows the quick reaction capability that encompasses the world. The American Eagle depicts American freedom, strength and courage. Transmission waves from the radar sail to the eagle symbolize control of aircraft using radar; the waves from the eagle's mouth to the stylized aircraft indicate voice communication to control aircraft. The star and wings represent the tactical aircraft, and the lightning the communications systems. The clenched fist is the control over the aircraft by the squadron's air control center. (Approved, 27 Mar 1974)

## MOTTO

## NICKNAME

## OPERATIONS

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