

16th AIRBORNE COMMAND AND CONTROL SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

380th Fighter Squadron (Single Engine) constituted, 11 Feb 1943

Activated, 1 Mar 1943

Redesignated 380th Fighter Squadron, Single Engine, 20 Aug 1943

Redesignated 160th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 25 Aug 1944

Redesignated 160th Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, (Jet Propelled), 29 Jul 1946

Redesignated 160th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic-Jet, 14 Jun 1948

Inactivated, 26 Apr 1949

Redesignated 160th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Night Photographic, 8 Aug 1950

Activated, 1 Sep 1950

Redesignated 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Night Photographic, 10 Oct 1950

Redesignated 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Night Photographic-Jet, 8 Nov 1955

Redesignated 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic-Jet, 1 Mar 1965

Redesignated 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 8 Oct 1966

Redesignated 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Training Squadron, 1 Oct 1979

Redesignated 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 1 Jul 1982

Inactivated, 15 Dec 1989

Redesignated 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, 15 Jan 1996

Activated, 1 Oct 1996

Allotted to the National Guard Bureau, 1 Oct 2002

Relieved from allotment to the National Guard Bureau, and assigned to Air Combat Command,

1 Oct 2011

STATIONS

Hamilton Field, CA, 1 Mar 1943

Santa Rosa AAFld, CA, 23 Aug 1943
Oakland Muni Aprt, CA, 8 Oct-2 Dec 1943
Keevil, England, 23 Dec 1943
Rivenhall, England, 3 Feb 1944
Staplehurst, England, 14 Apr 1944
Maupertus, France, 5 Jul 1944
Azeville, France, 22 Aug 1944
Montrevil, France, 9 Sep 1944
Sandweiler, Luxembourg, 11 Oct 1944
Le Culot, Belgium, 29 Oct 1944 (operated from Conflans, France, 24 Dec 1944-6 Feb 1945)
Venlo, Holland, 11 Mar 1945
Gutersloh, Germany, 16 Apr 1945
Brunswick, Germany, 26 Apr 1945
Wiesbaden, Germany, 20 May 1945
Eschwege, Germany, 12 Jul 1945
Darmstadt, Germany, 22 Sep 1945
Furth, Germany, 24 Nov 1945
Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, 2 Mar 1947
Bad Kissengen, Germany, 14-25 Jun 1947
Langley Field (later, AFB), VA, 25 Jun 1947-26 Apr 1949
Langley AFB, VA, 1 Sep 1950
Shaw AFB, SC, 2 Apr 1951-27 Oct 1965 (operated from MacDill AFB, FL, 22 Oct-30 Nov 1962)
Tan Son Nhut Airfield (later, AB), South Vietnam, 30 Oct 1965
Misawa AB, Japan, 15 Mar 1970-15 Feb 1971
Shaw AFB, SC, 15 Feb 1971-15 Dec 1989
Robins AFB, GA, 1 Oct 1996

ASSIGNMENTS

363rd Fighter (later, 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 1 Mar 1943 (air echelon attached to 10th Photographic Group, 24 Dec 1944-6 Feb 1945)
10th Reconnaissance Group, 15 Nov 1945
Tactical Air Command, 25 Jun 1947
363rd Reconnaissance (later, 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 24 Jul 1947-26 Apr 1949
363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 1 Sep 1950
363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 8 Feb 1958
2nd Air Division (attached to 6250th Combat Support Group), 30 Oct 1965
460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 18 Feb 1966
475th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Mar 1970
363rd Tactical Reconnaissance (later, 363rd Tactical Fighter) Wing, 15 Feb 1971-15 Dec 1989
93rd Operations Group, 1 Oct 1996
116th Air Control Wing, 1 Oct 2002
461st Operations Group, 1 Oct 2011

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-39N, 1943
P-39Q
P-51B, 1944
P-51C
P-51D
F-6B
F-6C
F-6D, 1944
F-6K
FP-80, 1947-1949
RB-26, 1950-1955
RB-57, 1954-1956
RB-66, 1956-1965
RF-4, 1965-1971, 1971-1982, 1982-1989
RF-4C
E-8, 1996

COMMANDERS

Cpt Evan M. McCall, 1 Mar 1943
Maj Marshall Cloke, 30 Mar 1943
Cpt Louis D. Morrison, Jun 1944
Maj John M. McNabb, Jul 1944
Maj James W. King, 22 Jun 1945
1Lt William Fisher, 26 Sep 1945
1Lt Howard Hakonen, 29 Sep 1945
2Lt John Dunham, 24 Oct 1945
Maj John H. Fox, 1 Dec 1945
Maj John O. Daniels, 21 Jan 1946
LTC Joseph C. Smith, Apr 1946
Cpt Virgil G. Dietrick, 25 Jun 1947
LTC George T. Walker, 15 Aug 1947
Cpt R. V. Prouty, 29 Sep 1947
Maj Merrit G. Garner, 14 Oct 1947
LTC John R. Hoover, 31 Oct 1947
Maj Merritt G. Garner, 16 Dec 1947
LTC William A. Trippett, 22 Dec 1947
Maj Edward H. Taylor, 19 Jan 1948
LTC John R. Hoover, May 1948
LTC Bert N. Smiley, Jul 1948
Maj Stanley W. Irons, 4 Jan 1949
Cpt Roger K. Rhodarmer, 4 Mar-Apr 1949
Maj W. J. Hearn, 1950
Maj Frederick W. Dyer, Mar 1951

LTC Robert R. Evans, 21 Jan 1952
LTC Richard O. Johnson, 1 Jun 1952
Maj John B. Anderson, 1952
Maj Clark M. Sykes, 1953
Maj Charles E. Scott, 16 May 1954
LTC Donald J. MacLellan, 14 Sep 1954
Maj William H. Allen, 6 Jun 1958
LTC Douglas F. Sanford, c. 1958
Maj Preston W. Easley, 12 Jun 1959
LTC Benjamin H. Cole, 1 Apr 1960
LTC Bernard F. Fox, 3 Jan 1961
LTC Robert J. Pickhardt, 1 Sep 1962
LTC Morgan R. Beamer, 23 Nov 1964
LTC Fred W. Wright, 1966
LTC Robert A. Schamber, 28 Aug 1966
LTC Delbert C. Hanley, 15 May 1967
LTC George A. Edwards Jr., May 1967
LTC Charles E. McGee, 5 Jul 1967
LTC Newell D. Mitchell, 19 May 1968
LTC James L. Mulligan, 12 Aug 1968
LTC James P. Mullins, 23 Jan 1969
LTC Robert S. Hubbard, 14 Feb 1969
Maj George M. Sauls, 27 Jun 1969
LTC Charles E. Daly, 27 Sep 1969
LTC Martin G. Saunders, 12 Mar 1970
LTC Marc C. Reynolds, 1 Apr 1970
LTC Theodore C. Freitag, 20 Aug 1971
LTC Byron L. Marvin, 2 Jul 1973
LTC John M. Franklin, 15 Apr 1974
LTC Peter J. Haerle, 26 Dec 1975
LTC George L. Howard II, 9 Nov 1977
LTC James N. Bevis, 7 Jun 1979
LTC David W. Buermeyer, 8 Jun 1981
LTC Larry M. Ort, 22 Mar-16 Jun 1982
Unkn, 17-30 Jun 1982
LTC Robert M. Penny, 1 Jul 1982
LTC Leonard L. Walls, 19 Aug 1983
LTC David L. Harrington, Jan 1985
LTC Leonard E. Witt III, Dec 1986
LTC Maurice L. McFann, Nov 1988-15 Dec 1989

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Vietnam

Vietnam Defensive

Vietnam Air

Vietnam Air Offensive

Vietnam Air Offensive Phase II

Vietnam Air/Ground

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV

Tet 69/Counteroffensive

Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969

Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia)

18 Feb 1966-30 Jun 1967

1 Sep 1967-10 Jul 1968

11 Jul 1968-31 Aug 1969

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

1 Jul 1965-30 Jun 1966

1 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1967

1 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1968

1 Jul 1969-[15 Mar] 1970

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

23 Oct-24 Nov 1962

1 Jul 1974-1 Jul 1976

2 Jul 1976-30 Jun 1978

1 Oct 1981-1 Jun 1983

15 Sep 1989-[15] Dec 1989

31 Aug 2004-31 May 2006
1 Jun 2006-31 May 2007

Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army
1 Oct-17 Dec 1944
18 Dec 1944-15 Jan 1945

Belgian Fourragere

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
1 Apr 1966-15 Mar 1970

EMBLEM



16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Night Photo



16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron emblem: On a disc, divided by a diagonal line, blue and checky, white and black, and bordered red, a lightning bolt over the diagonal line and extending over the upper edge of the disc, yellow, shaded blue; on the blue area a camera black trimmed grey, above an exploded flash bomb yellow center white. (Approved 31 Jul 1952 modified and approved, 3 Feb 1995)



16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron

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OPERATIONS

Air defense, Mar-Nov 1943. Combat in ETO, 24 Feb 1944-5 May 1945.

On November 1, 1946 the 161st Reconnaissance Squadron arrived, followed on December 20th by the 162nd. The 160th Reconnaissance Squadron arrived on June 25, 1947. These units formed the 363rd Reconnaissance Group, whose headquarters finally moved to Langley in December 1947. The 363rd engaged in photo reconnaissance missions in FP-80 and A-26 aircraft. The former was the first jet assigned to Langley Field.

Replacement training 1950-1953 and again 1971-1982.

The new jet bomber, the RB-57A, would give the 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron (TRS) a greater night photo capability. The first RB-57 arrived at Shaw on 3 March 1954. This bomber was the first of the British Canberras, built under contract by the Glenn L. Martin Co., to arrive at the base, and was the first to be put into operational activity by the United States Air Force (USAF). The biggest problem the 363d TRG encountered was the training of aircrew to fly the new jets, as the RB-57 was considerably faster and more sophisticated than the old RB-26 it was replacing.

By November of 1955, the 16th TRS was beginning to phase out the RB-57 aircraft in anticipation of the arrival of the new RB-66 "Destroyer" that would be arriving in the early part of the next year.

The 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron (TRS) received the first RB-66 "Destroyer" on 31 January 1956. By the end of June, the squadron would possess 16 new Destroyers. The 16th TRS was the first unit in the Air Force to receive the new twin jet aircraft for tactical operations.

Reconnaissance over Cuba, Oct-Nov 1962.

16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron was the first Air Force unit to become combat ready in the RF-4C on June 27, 1965.

Combat in Southeast Asia, Oct 1965-Mar 1970. Tactical Reconnaissance, 1982-1989.

On Dec. 15, 1989, the 16th TRS was officially inactivated. The remaining RF-4Cs were sent to Bergstrom AFB, Texas. Their inactivation brought to a close the only composite fighter and reconnaissance mission in Tactical Air Command.

Air combat control, 1996. Squadron was not an Air National Guard unit, but blended with active duty and ANG members, 2002-2011.

Operated E-8 Joint SRARS (Surveillance Target Attack Radar System) that located, classified, tracked and targeted ground movements on the battlefield and communicated real-time information to US forces command posts, 2002.

Air Force Order of Battle

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