

17th EXPEDITIONARY SPACE CONTROL SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

17th Surveillance Squadron constituted and activated, 1 Nov 1966

Organized, 1 Jan 1967

Inactivated, 31 Dec 1969

Redesignated 17th Radar Squadron, 20 May 1971

Activated, 1 Sep 1971

Inactivated, 31 May 1976

Redesignated, 17th Surveillance Squadron, 28 Dec 1981

Activated, 1 Aug 1982

Inactivated, 1 Jun 1989

Redesignated 17th Space Surveillance Squadron, 25 Oct 1993

Activated, 15 Nov 1993

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1996

Redesignated 17th Expeditionary Space Control Squadron and converted to provisional status and

Activated, 28 May 2009

STATIONS

Moorestown, NJ, 1 Jan 1967-31 Dec 1969

Ko Kha RTAS, Thailand, 1 Sep 1971-31 May 1976

San Miguel, Philippines, 1 Aug 1982-1 Jun 1989

Edzell AFD, Scotland, 15 Nov 1993-1 Jul 1996

Peterson AFB, CO, 28 May 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Defense Command, 1 Nov 1966

73rd Aerospace Surveillance Wing, 1 Jan 1967-31 Dec 1969

Fourteenth Aerospace Force, 1 Sep 1971-31 May 1976

3rd Air Division, 1 Aug 1982

1st Space Wing, 1 May 1983-1 Jun 1989

73rd Space Group, 15 Nov 1993

21st Operations Group, 26 Apr 1995-1 Jul 1996

Air Force Space Command, 28 May 2009 (attached to 21st Space Wing, 28 May 2009)

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

14 Sep 1973-17 Feb 1975

1 Aug 1982-31 Jul 1983

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996

1 Oct 1995-1 Jul 1996

EMBLEM



17th Surveillance Squadron, approved 18 Sep 1968



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MOTTO

ETERNAL VIGILANCE

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Operated a radar sensor for the USAF Spacetrack System, Nov 1967-Dec 1969. Tracked People's

Republic of China missile launches and southerly launches from the Soviet Union, Sep 1971-May 1976. Operated a radar sensor for the USAF Space Surveillance Network, Aug 1982-May 1989. Operated sensors for the Low-Altitude Space Surveillance System, Nov 1993-1 Jul 1996.

Air Force Order of Battle
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Sources

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