

## 6 COMBAT TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

The squadron is an academic squadron tasked to train air liaison officers, forward air controller-airborne, tactical air control parties, special tactics team members and selected Army, Navy and Marine members. The 6th CTS offers four courses in 10 classes per year, teaching up to 1,000 personnel from all services in the tactics, techniques and procedures to plan, request, coordinate and control close air support at the tactical level. Instruction includes lectures, seminars and joint planning exercises covering areas such as service doctrine, mission and organization, command and control, tactical operations and weapons systems. The course finishes with a field training exercise integrated with Air Warrior I and National Training Center operations at Fort Irwin, Calif.

### LINEAGE

6 Communications Squadron, Air Support constituted, 30 May 1942

Activated, 10 Jun 1942

Redesignated 6 Air Support Communication Squadron, 11 Jan 1943

Redesignated 6 Tactical Air Communications Squadron, 1 Apr 1944

Inactivated, 4 Oct 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 6 Combat Training Squadron, 21 Jun 2001

Activated, 29 Jun 2001

### STATIONS

Hunter Field, GA, 10 Jun 1942

Byrd Field, VA, 2 Aug 1942

Gainesville, FL, Dec 1942

Morris Field, NC, 1 Oct-6 Dec 1943

Chilbolton, England, 22 Dec 1943

Middle Wallop, England, 7 Jan 1944  
Sunninghill Parks, England, 20 Feb 1944  
Middle Wallop, England, 26 Feb 1944  
Les Oubeaux, France, mid-Jun 1944  
St Martin, France, 2 Aug 1944  
Le Gast, France, 12 Aug 1944  
Haleine, France, 22 Aug 1944  
Bailly, France, 1 Sep 1944  
Rennes, France, 12 Sep 1944  
Arlon, Belgium, 2 Oct 1944  
Maastricht, Holland, 16 Oct 1944  
Munchen-Gladbach, Germany, 11 Mar 1945  
Haltern, Germany, 6 Apr 1945  
Gutersloh, Germany, 17 Apr 1945  
Braunschweig, Germany, 19 Apr 1945  
Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, Jul 1945  
Assembly areas in France, 18 Aug-25 Sep 1945  
Camp Myles Standish, MA, 3-4 Oct 1945  
Nellis AFB, NV, 29 Jun 2001

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

VIII Ground Air Support Command, 10 Jun 1942  
First Air Force, 2 Aug 1942  
Third Air Force, 28 Nov 1942  
AAF School of Applied Tactics, Dec 1942  
Third Air Force, 1 Oct 1943  
IX Fighter Command, 30 Dec 1943  
Ninth Air Force, 31 Jan 1944  
IX Air Support (later, IX Tactical Air) Command, 26 Feb 1944  
XXIX Tactical Air Command (Provisional), 15 Sep 1944  
IX Fighter Command (attached to XXIX Tactical Air Command [Provisional]), 1 Dec 1944  
XXIX Tactical Air Command (Provisional), 1 Jul-Aug 1945  
USAF Air Ground Operations School, 29 Jun 2001  
57 Operations Group, 4 Oct 2007

#### **COMMANDERS**

##### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

World War II  
American Theater

##### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Central Europe

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Army Meritorious Unit Commendation

1 Oct 1944-1 May 1945

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[29] Jun 2001-31 May 2003

1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006

Cited in the Orders of the Day, Belgian Army

6 Jun-30 Sep 1944

1 Oct-17 Dec 1944

18 Dec 1944-15 Jan 1945

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#### **EMBLEM**

Approved, 14 Sep 2004

#### **MOTTO**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Det. 1, 6th CTS at Fort Sill, OK

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