

# 71<sup>st</sup> AIR CONTROL SQUADRON



71st Expeditionary Air Control Squadron  
Al Udeid AB\

The 71st Expeditionary Air Control Squadron inactivated on Nov. 1 following a ceremony at Al Udeid AB, Qatar, where the unit has run command and control operations via remote radar, radio, and data link hubs since 2006, working to guide and maintain control of aircraft across US Central Command. The mission is now owned by the 727th EACS, said Lt. Col. Stuart Williamson, the 71st EACS commander. Since 2009, the 71st EACS has also worked to support operations in Afghanistan, focusing on command and control and battle management tasks to support troops conducting combat operations. In addition to the squadron's work in Afghanistan, the 71st EACS has coordinated and worked with numerous C2 agencies and has also worked to take over combined defense of the Arabian Gulf when the unit was tasked with the role, said Lt. Col. Christopher Wachter, the 379th Expeditionary Operations Group deputy commander. 2014

## LINEAGE

## STATIONS

MacDill AFB, FL

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

1997: MAJ LESTER L. GARDNER ASSUMED COMMAND OF 71 AIR CONTROL SQUADRON FROM MAJ MARK S. DAVIS 27 MAY

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

71 AIR CONTROL SQUADRON DEPLOYED TO CAMP DOHA, KUWAIT, FOR 105 DAYS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION VIGILANT SENTINEL, FEB-MAY 96.

71st Tactical Control Flight  
MacDill AFB, Florida  
Activated: June 25, 1969  
Subordinate to: 507th Air Control Wing  
Redesignated: 9 August 1988, Tactical Control Squadron

Deployments:  
1978-79 Republic of Panama.  
1981 & 1982 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Operation ELF-One)  
1984 & 1985 Honduras  
1990 – 1991 Desert Shield; Desert Storm

71 Tactical Control Squadron  
Redesignated: Tactical Control Squadron 9 August 1988.  
Deployments: 1991 – 1 September, 1993 Caribbean (Operation Coronet Macaw)

71 Air Control Squadron  
Redesignated: 1 November, 1991  
Subordinate to: 56th Operations Group, 56th Fighter Wing, MacDill AFB on 23 March 1992.  
Reassigned: 1 October, 1993 347th Operations Group, 347th Wing, Moody AFB, Georgia

Deployments:  
February - June 1996 Operation Southern Watch  
June - October 1997 Operation Southern Watch  
December 1998 - April 1999 Operation Southern Watch

Inactivated: March 2000  
Call sign: Alleycat

1997 71 AIR CONTROL SQUADRON SUPPORTED OPERATION VIGILANT SENTINEL.



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Sources