

505th TACTICAL CONTROL MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

The mission of 505th Tactical Control Maintenance Squadron was to operate and maintain tactical air control parties for the Direct Air Request Net. Provide field maintenance capability for power production units located in SEA.

LINEAGE

505th Tactical Control Maintenance Squadron constituted and activated, 8 Nov 1965
Inactivated, 15 Mar 1973.

STATIONS

Tan Son Nhut Afd, South Vietnam
Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 30 Apr 1967
Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, 30 Apr 1970
Phan Rang AB, South Vietnam, 1 Oct 1971
Tan Son Nhut, 15 Feb 1972
Shaw AFB, SC

ASSIGNMENTS

505th Tactical Control Group
504th Tactical Support Group, 8 Dec 1966
505th Tactical Control Group, 15 Mar 1972

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 505 TCMS had its beginnings in early 1964 as the USAF began to provide tactical air request support for the Vietnamese army. A Direct Air Request Net was established with Air Liaison Officers and Forward Air Controllers supported by TDY radio operators, portable radio equipment obtained from Marine Corps inventory, and HF SSB fixed station radio sets from MARS stations. In November 1964 this unit was dubbed "Project Pack-Rat." At the time, Project Pack-Rat consisted of two officers, about 100 radio operators, 19 maintenance technicians and several supply specialists. Project Pack-Rat became the 6250th Tactical Communications Maintenance Squadron in August 1965 and the 505 TCMS in November of that year. Later on, around January 1967, personnel were attached directly to the Tactical Air Support Squadron's in their respective areas of operation.