

# **601<sup>st</sup> TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP**

## **MISSION**

601<sup>st</sup> Tactical Control Group mission was to provide, operate and maintain Tactical Air control Systems for in-flight control of offensive forces

## **LINEAGE**

601<sup>st</sup> Tactical Control Group

## **STATIONS**

Sembach AB, Germany, 15 Feb 1965-1 Jul 1968

Sembach AB, Germany, 15 Nov 1975-30 May 1978

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

### **COMMANDERS**

LTC Dolford F. Payne

Col Francis J. Pope

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**

**MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

On 15 February 1965, the 601st TCG was activated at Sembach AB, Germany. It was assigned three major subordinate units: the 601st TCS; the 601st TCMS (Tactical Control Maintenance Squadron); and the 601st DASS (Direct Air Support Squadron). The 601st TCS had been realigned under the 601st TCG from the 86th Air Division along with its two subordinate control and reporting post and six forward air control post detach-ments (Det 0001 - Kirchgoens, Det 0003 - Fulda, Det 0004 -Wuerzburg, Det 0005 - Bamberg, Det 0006 - Grafenwoehr, Det 0007 - Straubing, Det 0100 - Celle, and Det 0300 -Neu Ulm). The 601st TCMS was activated from in-house resources and tasked with the mission of providing centralized field maintenance and supply support for the 601st TCG. The 601st DASS was also formed along with four subordinate Direct Air Support Centers (DASCs): Det 0100 - a DASC at Stuttgart, Det 0200 - a DASC at Mannheim, Det 0300 - a DASC at Koblenz, and Det 0400 -a DASC at Frankfurt. A group staff was set up, composed of personnel from the former 601st TCS staff sections. On 20 May 1965, operational control of the 601st TCG and its subordinate units passed from the 86th Air Division to Seventeenth Air Force. However, the former headquarters maintained responsibility for running the fixed radar system. For the next three years the 601st TCG experienced a vast expansion in both stature and mission responsibilities.

### Detachment 1

Neubrucke, Germany

Inactivated: 1 February 1984

### Detachment 2

Pruem, Germany

Inactivated: 7 September 1984

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### Sources

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