

4 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT FLIGHT



MISSION

The 4 Direct Air Support Flight mission was to develop and maintain Direct Support Center and Tactical Air Control Party personnel at a high level of combat readiness, immediately available to be deployed for incorporation as operating elements of a Tactical Air Control System. The 4 DASF was authorized and assigned 29 personnel.

LINEAGE

4 Direct Air Support Flight constituted
Activated
Inactivated, 16 Aug 1968

STATIONS

Osan AB, South Korea

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Once the flight got into full operation it was able to direct United Nations aircraft to their strike points within minutes by way of MRC-108 Radio equipment.

The unit's radios are completely mobile, allowing them to travel with the Army to the front lines.

Once the need for air support is established, DASF personnel on the front lines send a request direct to an Air Force operating unit. This transmission is monitored by intermediate headquarters along the line who either approve or revise the request immediately.

If the request is approved the alerted aircraft are scrambled and directed to their strike targets by the forward air controllers. The aircraft will be able to be over the targets within minutes after the request for support is received.

The flight is a tenant unit at Osan AB South Korea under the operational control of the 314 Air Division.

Personnel were deployed to Vietnam for up to 120 days during the first half of 1966.

USAF UNIT HISTORIES

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Sources

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