

UNIT HISTORICAL SKETCH

123D AIR CONTROL SQUADRON
BLUE ASH, OHIO

The image shows two large satellite dishes at night, illuminated by a blue light. The dishes are mounted on tall poles and are positioned in an outdoor setting with some trees visible in the background. The text '123D AIR CONTROL SQUADRON' is overlaid on the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with each word on a separate black rectangular background.

123D AIR CONTROL SQUADRON

The 123d Air Control Squadron was organized in the Ohio National Guard on March 19, 1948 as the 123d Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron. The first wave of enlistees were sworn in that night for a three-year term at the Freeman Avenue Armory in Cincinnati. Shortly after, the unit moved to a hangar at Lunken Airport.

The 123d was ordered into active service on Nov. 1, 1951 for the Korean War and was sent to Donaldson Air Force Base, S.C. The unit underwent training in the latest radar equipment before moving to Germany to operate radar sites there. When the unit arrived in Germany, the 12th Air Force Band greeted the Buckeyes by playing "Beautiful Ohio."

The unit returned to Ohio in November 1953 and occupied the new Blue Ash Radar Site, where it remains today.

The unit returned to active service on Oct. 1, 1961 for the Berlin Crisis. The squadron arrived in Landshut, Germany on Nov. 24, 1961 and operated the radar site there until returning to Ohio the following August.

A series of reorganizations impacted the unit in the 1970s and 80s. In 1976, the unit became a forward air control posts instead of control and reporting post. The 1980s and 90s saw an increase in overseas training operations at various locations throughout Europe and Central America. In 1992, the unit was redesignated as the 123d Air Control Squadron, its present designation.

Since 9-11, the squadron has deployed all or parts of the unit multiple times. The squadron has provided essential battle management tools in support of coalition forces during Operation Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Inherent Resolve, Resolute Support and the air defense of the Arabian Gulf. The squadron's accomplishments since 2001 have led to it earning six Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards during that period.



BLUE ASH, OHIO, JULY 21, 2018
123d Air Control Squadron.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

123D AIR CONTROL SQUADRON

Lineage: Constituted 123d Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron and allotted to the Ohio National Guard, May 24, 1946. Activated and Federally recognized March 19, 1948. Redesignated 123d Tactical Control Flight, September 12, 1965. Redesignated 123d Tactical Control Squadron, May 27, 1971. Redesignated 123d Tactical Control Flight, April 1, 1976. Redesignated 123d Tactical Control Squadron, October 1989. Redesignated 123d Air Control Squadron, 1992.

Assignments: 155th Air Control and Warning Group, March 19, 1948. 157th Tactical Control Group, November 2, 1952. 152d Tactical Control Group, December 2, 1958.

Stations: Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, OH, March 19, 1948. Donaldson Air Force Base, SC, December 11, 1951. Ulm, Germany, October 16, 1952. Blue Ash Air National Guard Station, OH, November 2, 1953. Landstuhl, Germany, October 25, 1961. Blue Ash Air National Guard Station, OH. October 20, 1962.

Operations: On November 1, 1951, the 123d Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron was called to active duty as part of the Air National Guard call-up for the Korean War mobilization. Demobilized and returned to state control, October 31, 1953. Mobilized to federal service for Berlin Crisis and deployed to Germany, October 1, 1961. Demobilized and returned to state control, October 19, 1962.

Campaign Streamers:

Decorations:

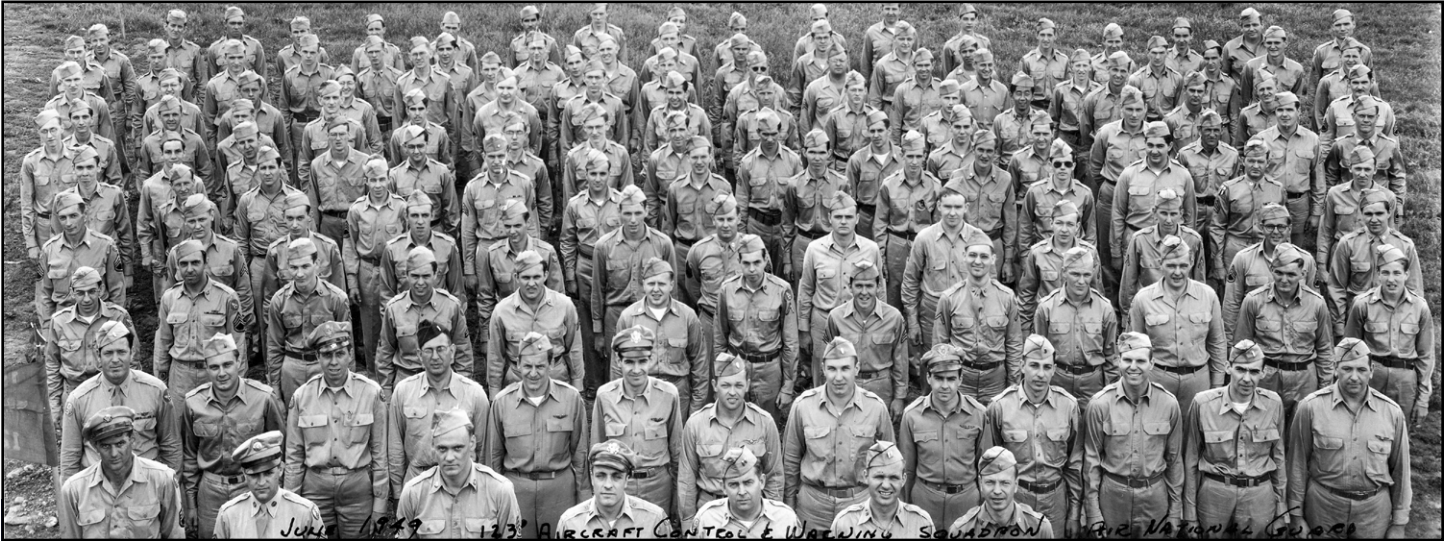
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 1 June 1991 - 1 May 1993
 1 September 1993 - 31 August 1995
 1 July 1997 - 30 June 1999
 1 August 1999 - 31 July 2001
 1 August 2001 - 31 July 2003
 1 August 2003 - 31 July 2005
 1 April 2006 - 31 March 2008
 1 April 2009 - 31 March 2011
 1 November 2011 - 31 October 2013
 1 January 2017 - 31 December 2018



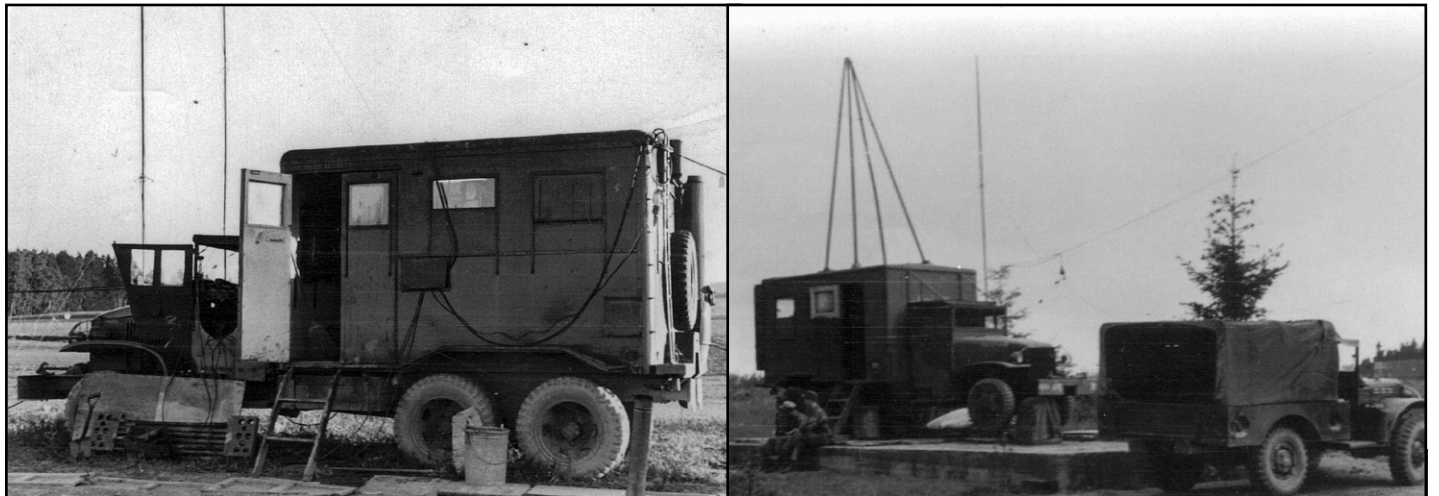
Emblem:

Description/Blazon: On a disc per fess embattled Azure and Vert, a Roman warrior grasping a sword in sinister hand and a shield in dexter. The armor, shield and shadows on the warrior are Sable; helmet, belt and pleats Or; skin tone, sword and plume on helmet Silver Gray, surmounted in base by a star of the first winged Yellow, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Red scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "ONE TEAM ONE FIGHT" in Black letters Attached below the disc, a Red scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "123D AIR CONTROL SQ" in Black letters.

Symbolism: Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The Roman warrior represents Cincinnatus, the citizen-soldiers of the National Guard and their patriotism. The winged star signifies the aerial portion of the unit's mission. The embattled wall symbolizes the defense of the homeland.



LUNKEN AIRPORT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, JUNE 1949
123d Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron.



KAUFBEUREN, GERMANY, 1953

Trucks from the 123d Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron are shown in operation during the squadron's mobilization to Germany during the Korean War.



BLUE ASH AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATION, OHIO, CIRCA 1975

A staff sergeant from the 123d Tactical Control Flight operates a UPA-48 Indicator Group during home station training.



ALPENAIR FORCE STATION, MICH., 1981
123d Tactical Control Flight unit photo taken during annual summer training.



ALPENAIR FORCE STATION, MICH., AUGUST 1983
123d Tactical Control Flight unit photo taken during annual summer training.



AVIANO, ITALY, 1985

Members of the 123rd Tactical Control Flight remove a "mobilizer" from a TPS-43 Radar Antenna after off-loading during Display Determination, a NATO exercise conducted in Aviano, Italy.



COLUMBIA, CIRCA 1990

In support of drug interdiction efforts, members of the 123d and 124th Air Control Squadrons set up a radar site in the Columbian jungle during annual training.



TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLA., SEPTEMBER 9, 1996

Airmen from the 123d Air Control Squadron set up communications during Combat Challenge, a competition which tests deployable command, control, communications and computer concepts of operations and system capabilities. The 123d placed third in its category.



ALPENA COMBAT READINESS TRAINING CENTER, MICH., JUNE 13, 2022

Senior Airman Gabriel Willard, a radar technician assigned to the 123rd Air Control Squadron, operates a deployable field radar system during Agile Rage 22.

PAST LEADERSHIP

COMMANDERS

123D AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON

1948: Maj. George R. Lehr
1948: Capt. Wright Sanders
1948-1953: Capt. John W. Weinig
1953-1956: Capt. Carl R. Falk
1956-1960: Maj. Ramie E. Adams
1960-1963: Capt. Chester C. Hawley
1963-1965: Lt. Col. Coleman J. Magrish

123D TACTICAL CONTROL FLIGHT

1965-1970: Lt. Col. Coleman J. Magrish
1970-1975: Lt. Col. David W. Shelby
1975-1982: Lt. Col. Richard P. Scherer
1983-1989: Lt. Col. Shelburn Childers

123D TACTICAL CONTROL SQUADRON

1989-1992: Lt. Col. Shelburn Childers

123D AIR CONTROL SQUADRON

1993-1994: Lt. Col. Ronald Harmon
1995-1997: Lt. Col. Frederick H. Reinhardt
2001-2003: Lt. Col. Norman A. Poklar
2003-2011: Lt. Col. Gene Hughes
2011-2017: Lt. Col. Steven Breitfelder
2017-2019: Lt. Col. Dominic S. Fago
2019-: Lt. Col. Bryan Moore



Capt. Weinig



Lt. Col. Magrish



Lt. Col. Shelby



Lt. Col. Scherer



Lt. Col. Childers



Lt. Col. Harmon



Lt. Col. Reinhardt



Lt. Col. Poklar



Lt. Col. Hughes



Lt. Col. Breitfelder



Lt. Col. Fago



Lt. Col. Moore



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