



Fact Sheet

Wisconsin Air National Guard

128TH Air Control Squadron
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128TH AIR CONTROL SQUADRON

The 128th Air Control Squadron (128 ACS), Wisconsin Air National Guard, has been based at Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center since October 1991. The unit is federally recognized and maintains a worldwide readiness deployment capability providing tactical air control, data links, and data transfer in the Theater Battle Management arena.

Mission

Worldwide Deployable Air Control System: A deployable, adaptable, and independent Battle Management Command and Control system capable of conducting a wide array of Battle Management functions at the tactical level to meet the needs of the Combatant Commander.

State Mission: Provide personnel and equipment to protect life and property. Preserve the peace, order, and safety of the general public under the orders of the Governor of Wisconsin as directed by The Adjutant General.

Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) Mission: To provide Counterland Training to the Combat Air Forces by leveraging an integrated, full spectrum training environment with Electronic Warfare and Anti-Access, Area Denial specializations for units to enhance their combat capability and readiness.

History

Early History and Activation: The 128 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron was initially activated in 1947 at General Billy Mitchell Field, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In early 1960 the unit moved to a former air defense site in Cudahy, Wisconsin and began participation in major Air Force and Air National Guard joint exercises. In 1972, the unit returned to Billy Mitchell Field as a Control and Reporting Post. Shortly thereafter it was designated as a Forward Air Control Post-Heavy. In October 1991, the unit was transferred to Volk Field as the 128 Air Control Squadron and in 1995 it was designated a Control and Reporting Center.

Organization

The unit is composed of the Commander and his staff, which include the Director of Operations, Director of Cyber Operations and Maintenance, and support elements. There are 39 full-time employees of 192 Traditional Guardsmen, who organize, train, and are equipped to perform their missions as directed by the Governor of the State of Wisconsin through the Adjutant General.

Facilities

The 128 ACS occupies six facilities on the Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center. The Headquarters and Ground Support buildings are adjacent to each other. Radar Maintenance is located in a building near the radar.

Operations is located in an independent building. Vehicle Maintenance and Material Control are collocated with Volk Field facilities sharing common resources.

Resources

The 128 ACS is a mobile, tactical unit. It is assigned radio, radar, satellite communications, a Theater Deployable Communications package, datalink systems, and tactical a command and control system to accomplish its mission. Additionally, the unit is assigned numerous heavy-duty vehicles, generators and environmental control units for remote area operations.

Economic Impact

The 128th Air Control Squadron contributes an economic impact on the local area through fulltime staff to include monthly and yearly training events that facilitate local economies.

Future Plans

Continuous modernization and upgrade of equipment and technology continues to be a major objective of the unit. Additionally, new missions will deploy personnel throughout the world and be added to the existing list of countries the unit has already operated and deployed, such as Romania, Hungary, Canada, Colombia, Haiti, Italy, Norway, Panama, Portugal, Poland, Turkey, Afghanistan, Qatar, UAE, Jordan, Kuwait, and Iraq.

AF Outstanding Unit Awards (AFOUA)

1 May 1980 – 30 April 1982
1 Sept 1987 – 31 Aug 1989
1 Sept 1989 – 12 June 1991
1 Nov 2008 – 31 Oct 2010
1 Nov 2011 – 31 Oct 2013
1 Jan 2017 – 31 Dec 2018

Educational Benefits & Membership

If you are someone who is interested in the highly technological field of aircraft control, working with advanced electronic equipment, or getting experience with large vehicle maintenance and power generation the 128 Air Control Squadron is looking for you. In addition to forming new friendships and travel adventures there are free educational benefits available for members.

Skillsets

Computer and networking, diesel and vehicle mechanics, heating and ventilation, intelligence, air battle management and aircraft control, medical and administrative, satellite communications, radar and radio technologies.