



Fact Sheet

Wisconsin Air National Guard

128 Air Control Squadron
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128 AIR CONTROL SQUADRON

Mission and History

The 128 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: The federal mission of the 128 ACS is to maintain and operate a transportable extension of the Theater Air Control System. In this role the unit provides: (1) An air picture via data links from multiple sensors to the theater commander, (2) Radar control for offensive and defensive air operations, (3) Early warning, detection and tracking of surveillance data, (4) Personnel training and equipment maintenance to sustain a state of readiness for worldwide deployment.

State Mission: Provide the Governor of Wisconsin, the capability for a highly mobile Command, Control, Computer, Communications, and Intelligence element, capable of supporting any contingency. This mission encompasses natural disaster relief, counter narcotics activities to local law enforcement agencies and support to State agencies during times of crisis.

Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) Mission: Enhances the CRTC capabilities by providing flying units with Command, Control, Communications, Computer and Intelligence support during inspections, exercises and annual training. On a daily basis the 128 ACS provides airspace management to Air National Guard and Reserve aircrews from seven surrounding states.

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 Element

Organization

The unit is composed of the Commander and his staff, which include the Director of Operations, Chief of Maintenance and support elements. There are 30 full-time employees with 131 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, Maintenance and Operations, are located in a new state of the art facility. Radar Maintenance is located in a building near the radar while Vehicle Maintenance, Aerospace Ground Equipment and Material Control are collocated with Volk Field facilities sharing common resources.

Resources

The 128 ACS is a stand-alone, self supporting unit in the field. It is assigned the latest Modular Control Equipment (MCE) with Tropo Scatter Radio, satellite communications and the new Theater Deployable Communications package to accomplish its mission. Additionally, the unit is assigned numerous heavy-duty vehicles, generators and equipment for remote area operations.

Economic Impact

The 128 Air Control Squadron contributes an economic impact on the local area of approximately \$3.0 million annually.

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, and Turkey, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

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.

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on the
128 ACS
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Educational
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