

## 607th Air Control Squadron

### Lineage.

Constituted 607th Tactical Control Squadron on 5 December 1945.  
Activated on 15 December 1945.  
Redesignated 607th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron on 30 January 1946.  
Inactivated on 1 October 1957.  
  
Redesignated 607th Tactical Control Squadron on 13 October 1969.  
Activated on 15 October 1969.  
Redesignated 607th Tactical Control Training Squadron on 1 October 1979.  
Redesignated 607th Air Control Squadron on 1 November 1991.<sup>1</sup>



### Honors.

#### *Campaign Streamers.*

##### **Korean**

United Nations Offensive [1950]  
Chinese Communist Forces Intervention [1950-1951]  
First United Nations Counteroffensive [1951]  
Chinese Communist Forces Spring Offensive [1951]  
United Nations Summer-Fall Offensive [1951]  
Second Korean Winter [1951-1952]  
Korea, Summer-Fall [1952]  
Third Korean Winter [1952-1953]  
Korea, Summer 1953 [1953]

##### **Southwest Asia**

Cease Fire [1991-1995]

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<sup>1</sup> TAC SO GB-12, 1 November 1991

## **Decorations.**

### **Distinguished Unit Citations**

Korea [for Chinese Communist Forces Spring Offensive and  
United Nations Summer-Fall Offensive] 3 November 1950-21 April 1951  
Korea [for Summer-Fall 1952] 1 May-30 November 1952.

### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 January 1972-31 December 1973  
1 May 1977-30 April 1978  
1 April 1979-31 March 1981<sup>2</sup>  
1 May 1984-30 April 1986<sup>3</sup>  
1 May 1987-30 April 1989  
2 May 1989-30 April 1990  
1 May 1990-30 April 1992<sup>4</sup>  
1 April 1992-30 June 1993<sup>5</sup>  
1 June 1995-31 May 1997<sup>6</sup>  
1 June 2002-31 May 2004<sup>7</sup>  
1 June 2007-31 May 2008<sup>8</sup>  
1 June 2011-31 May 2012  
1 July 2013-30 June 2014<sup>9</sup>  
1 July 2014-30 June 2015<sup>10</sup>  
1 July 2015-30 June 2016<sup>11</sup>

## ***Special Honors.***

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 16 September 1950-24 January 1951;  
Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations: 25 January 1951-31 March 1953.

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<sup>2</sup> DAF SO GB-122/1982

<sup>3</sup> DAF SO GB-276/1987

<sup>4</sup> TAC SO GA-050/1992

<sup>5</sup> AETC SO GA-78, 28 Feb 1995

<sup>6</sup> ACC SO GA-004/1998

<sup>7</sup> ACC SO GA-041/2005

<sup>8</sup> ACC SO GA-224/2008

<sup>9</sup> AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

<sup>10</sup> AETC SO G-006, 14 October 2016

<sup>11</sup> AETC SO G-022, 22 March 2017

**Assignments.** 502d Tactical Control Group, 15 December 1945-1 October 1957. 602d Tactical Control Group (later, 602d Tactical Air Control Group; 602d Tactical Air Control Wing; 602d Air Control Wing), 15 October 1969; 58th Operations Group, 1 May 1992<sup>12</sup>; 355th Operations Group, 1 July 1993<sup>13</sup>; 552d Air Control Group, 1 May 2008; 56th Operations Group, 1 July 2013.<sup>14</sup>

**Stations.** Biggs Field, Texas, 15 December 1945; Myrtle Beach Army Air Field, South Carolina, 13 January 1947; Turner Field (later, Air Force Base), Georgia, 29 October 1947-27 August 1950; Pusan, South Korea, 24 September 1950; Kimpo Air Base, South Korea, 13 October 1950; Pusan, South Korea, c. December 1950; Yoju, South Korea, 21 March 1951; Uijongbu, South Korea, February 1952; Oyongtaek, South Korea, November 1953-1 October 1957. Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, 15 Oct 1969-.

**Aircraft.** None.

**Emblem.** Approved on 2 September 1970, Updated 7 Apr 2009.

**Blazon.** On a disc parted per fess Celeste and Argent, surmounted by a coiled sidewinder Or, his diamond back Brown, eyed of the third, fang of the second, tongue Gules; all within a narrow Blue border.

Attached above the disc is a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "ALWAYS READY" in Blue letters.

Attached below the disc is a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "607 ACS" in Blue letters.

**Motto.** ALWAYS READY

**Significance.** Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow signifies the sun and the excellence of all the Air Force personnel. The two colors of the field represent day and night time operations. The coiled snake symbolizes the defense role and land base missions of the unit, its reposed position signifies the ability to strike, and always ready with little notice.

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<sup>12</sup> HQ TAC SO GB-47, 23 Mar 1992

<sup>13</sup> ACC SO GB-58, 29 June 1993

<sup>14</sup> AETC SO G-13-15, 19 June 2013

**Commanders.**

***607th Tactical Control Squadron [15 December 1945-30 January 1946]***

Unknown	Unknown
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***607th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron [30 January 1946-1 October 1957]***

Unknown	Unknown
Maj W.H. Wilkins	1947
Maj John Kersch	Nov 1951
Maj Robert O'Benour	1 July 1952
Lt Col Lenton Roller	October 1952
Unknown	Unknown
Lt Col Fredrick O. Ritter	14 October 1953
Unknown	Unknown

***607th Tactical Control Squadron [15 October 1969-1 October 1979]***

Unknown	Unknown
Lt Col Fred L. Bauer	Unknown
Lt Col David C. Cook	3 January 1977 <sup>15</sup>
Lt Col Charles W. Rush	14 September 1979 <sup>16</sup>

***607th Tactical Control Training Squadron [1 October 1979-1 November 1991]***

Lt Col Charles W. Rush	1 October 1979 <sup>17</sup>
Maj (later, Lt Col) John D. Cunningham	19 September 1980 <sup>18</sup>
Lt Col Robert J. Thrift	24 August 1982
Unknown	Unknown
Lt Col Robert M. Maxwell	bef 4 November 1988 [Senior Executive Service]
Lt Col Joseph P. DeGrado	6 July 1990-1 November 1991.

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<sup>15</sup> 58 CSG SO G-41, 14 September 1979

<sup>16</sup> 58 CSG SO G-41, 14 September 1979

<sup>17</sup> 58 CSG SO G-41, 14 September 1979

<sup>18</sup> 607 TCTS SO G-52, 19 September 1980

***607th Air Control Squadron [1 November 1991-.]***<sup>19</sup>

Lt Col Joseph P. DeGrado	1 November 1991
Lt Col John R. Troth	23 Apr 1993 <sup>20</sup>
Maj William J. McManus	24 June 1994 <sup>21</sup>
Lt Col Richard P. Selapack	28 June 1996 <sup>22</sup>
Maj Ernest Jones Jr	2 August 1996 <sup>23</sup>
Lt Col Steve R. Doss	Unknown
Lt Col Paul A. Smiley	8 November 2000 <sup>24</sup>
Maj Mark S. Whitmire	2 May 2002 <sup>25</sup>
Lt Col Ronald B. Montgomery	11 June 2004 <sup>26</sup>
Lt Col Todd J. Scott	8 June 2006 <sup>27</sup>
Lt Col John T. Grivakis	25 June 2008 <sup>28</sup>
Lt Col Carlos R. Messer, Jr.	7 June 2010 <sup>29</sup>
Lt Col Sean R. Slaughter	9 May 2012 <sup>30</sup>
Lt Col Charles E. Jones	19 August 2013 <sup>31</sup>
Lt Col Jerald M. Canny	1 July 2015 <sup>32</sup>
Lt Col Marion R. Wendall	25 May 2017-Present. <sup>33</sup>

**Narrative.**

On 5 December 1945, the 607th Tactical Control Squadron was constituted and activated 10 days later at Biggs Field, Texas. It was assigned to the 502d Tactical Control Group. On 30 January 1946, the unit was redesignated the 607th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron. On 13 January 1947, the squadron was moved to Myrtle Beach Army Air Field, South Carolina. On 29 October 1947, it moved to Turner Field (later, Air Force Base), Georgia. On 27 August 1950, after the outbreak of the Korean War, the squadron left Turner AFB on its way to Pusan, South Korea, where it arrived on 24 September 1950. On 13 October 1950, the 607th moved to Kimpo Air Base, South Korea, and in December 1950 moved back to Pusan. On 21 March 1951, it moved to Yaju, South Korea, and in February 1952, it moved again to Uijongbu, South Korea. In November 1953, the unit moved to Oyeongtaek, South Korea. On 1 October 1957, the squadron inactivated.

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<sup>19</sup> TAC SO GB-12, 1 November 1991

<sup>20</sup> 607 ACS SO SO-TJ-029, 26 April 1993

<sup>21</sup> 355 OG SO GO-014, 23 June 1994

<sup>22</sup> 355 OG SO GO-37, 5 June 1996

<sup>23</sup> 355 OG SO SO-G-01, 30 July 1996

<sup>24</sup> 607 ACS SO GO-001, 8 November 2000

<sup>25</sup> 355 OG SO SO-GO-01, 18 July 2002

<sup>26</sup> 355 OG SO SO-G-01, 10 June 2004

<sup>27</sup> 355 OG SO SO-G-01, 26 July 2006

<sup>28</sup> 552 ACG SO SO-G-01, 30 June 2008

<sup>29</sup> 56 MSG SO-G-009, 4 June 2010

<sup>30</sup> 552 ACG SO G-006, 17 April 2012

<sup>31</sup> 56 MSG SO GS-26, 19 August 2013

<sup>32</sup> 56 MSG SO GS-16-15, 10 July 2015

<sup>33</sup> 56 MSG SO G-10-17, 18 May 2017

For its effort the squadron received 9 campaign streamers, two Distinguished Unit Citations and two Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations.

On 13 October 1969, the unit was redesignated as the 607th Tactical Control Squadron. It activated on 15 October 1969 at Luke AFB, Arizona, and was assigned to the 602d Tactical Control Group (later, 602d Tactical Air Control Group; 602d Tactical Air Control Wing; 602d Air Control Wing. On 1 October 1979, the squadron was redesignated the 607th Tactical Control Training Squadron. On 1 November 1991, it was redesignated the 607th Air Control Squadron. On 1 May 1992, the unit was reassigned to the 58th Operations Group. On 1 July 1993, the squadron was reassigned to the 355th Operations Group. For its work in Southwest Asia, the squadron received a campaign streamer. On 1 May 2008, it was reassigned to the 552d Air Control Group. On 1 July 2013, the 607th was reassigned to the 56th Operations Group. Today it develops the future of Command and Control One Airman at a Time!

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