

Lineage and Honors History
of the
377 Air Base Wing (AFGSC)

Lineage. Established as 377 Combat Support Group, activated, and organized, on 8 Apr 1966. Redesignated as 377 Air Base Wing on 17 Jan 1972. Inactivated on 28 Mar 1973. Redesignated as 377 Combat Support Wing on 1 Jun 1985. Activated on 14 Jun 1985. Inactivated on 1 May 1991. Redesignated as 377 Air Base Wing, and activated, on 1 Jan 1993.

Assignments. Seventh Air Force, 8 Apr 1966-28 Mar 1973. 316 Air Division, 14 Jun 1985-1 May 1991. Space and Missile Systems Center, 1 Jan 1993; Air Armament Center, 1 Oct 1998; Air Force Materiel Command, 3 May 2004; Nuclear Weapons (later, Air Force Nuclear Weapons) Center, 31 Mar 2006; Twentieth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), 1 Oct 2015-.

Operational Components. *Squadrons.* **8** Special Operations: assigned 15 Jan-1 Oct 1972; attached 12-25 Oct 1972. **9** Special Operations: attached 12 Jan-29 Feb 1972. **21** Tactical Air Support: 15 Mar 1972-23 Feb 1973. **310** Tactical Airlift: 15 Jan-15 Nov 1972. **360** Tactical Electronic Warfare: 1 Feb-24 Nov 1972. **6252** Operations: 10 Jun 1966-1 Jan 1967.

Stations. Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, 8 Apr 1966-28 Mar 1973. Ramstein AB, Germany, 14 Jun 1985-1 May 1991. Kirtland AFB, NM, 1 Jan 1993-.

Commanders. Col George Budway, 8 Apr 1966; Col Grover K. Coe, 8 Oct 1966; Col Farley E. Peebles, 4 Oct 1967; Col Benjamin B. Shields, 26 Jul 1968; Col Frank E. Marek, by Sep 1969; Col Harold E. Hobbs, 31 Jul 1970; Col Charles D. Gunn Jr., 10 Jul 1971; Col David A. Odell, 27 Jun 1972-28 Mar 1973. Col Leslie A. Hobgood, 14 Jun

1985; Col Eugene A. Lupia, 28 Jul 1986; Col William D. Eckert, 15 Jun 1988; Col Adelbert W. Carpenter, 12 Jan 1990-1 May 1991. Brig Gen James L. Higham, 1 Jan 1993; Col Felix Sanchez. 6 Nov 1993; Brig Gen Charles H. Perez, 14 Feb 1994; Col Elizabeth A. Harrell, 14 Jun 1995; Col Gary D. Dills, 18 Nov 1996; Col Polly A. Peyer, 2 Jun 1999; Col Jan D. Eakle, 20 Sep 2000; Col Kathleen D. Close, 25 Jan 2002; Col Henry L. Andrews Jr., 10 Jul 2003; Col Terrance Feehan, 7 Jul 2005; Col Robert E. Suminsby Jr., 24 Jul 2006; Col Michael S. Duvall, 22 Jul 2008; Col Robert L. Maness, 16 Apr 2010; Col David J. Hornyak, 30 Aug 2011; Col John C. Kubinec, 19 Dec 2011; Col Tom D. Miller, 11 Jul 2013; Col Eric H. Froehlich, 21 May 2015; Col Richard W. Gibbs, 16 Jun 2017; Col David S. Miller, 21 Jun 2019-.

Aircraft. C/VC-47, 1966, 1972-1973; VC-54, 1966; VC-123, 1966, 1972; C/VC-118, 1972-1973; T-39, 1972-1973; A-37, 1972; C-123, 1972; C-7, 1972; EC-47, 1972; O-2, 1972-1973.

Operations. Replaced 6250 Combat Support Group in Apr 1966. Responsible for operation and maintenance of USAF portion of Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, Apr 1966-Mar 1973. The group's responsibilities included housing numerous tenant organizations including Seventh Air Force, base defense, and liaison with South Vietnamese Air Force. Underwent numerous enemy attacks. Also responsible for Binh Thuy AB, South Vietnam, 12 May-1 Jul 1970. Provided support for Seventh Air Force flying operations with C-47, C-123, and C-54 aircraft, Jun-Dec 1966. In Sep 1971, again became responsible for supporting base flight of T-39, C-54, C-47, C-118, as well as C-130 aircraft of 834 Air Division. Elevated to Air Base Wing in Jan 1972 and gained a tactical mission and combat units. Operated the Southeast Asia Central Instructor Pilots

School, in which the 360 TEWS used C/EC-47s, 15 Feb-c. Nov 1972. Operated a Combat Crew Training School at Phu Cat, South Vietnam, with C-7 aircraft, 15 Mar-Oct 1972. Resumed base flight operations at Tan Son Nhut in Jan 1972, operating and maintaining C-47, C-118, and T-39 aircraft. With the 8 Special Operations Squadron (A-37s), performed strike missions, Jan-Oct 1972; the 9 Special Operations Squadron (O-2s and C-47s) conducted psychological warfare operations, Jan-Feb 1972; the 21 Tactical Air Support Squadron (Light) conducted air liaison and forward air control operations, Mar 1972-28 Jan 1973; the 310 Tactical Airlift Squadron (C/UC-123s, Jan-Jun 1972 and C-7s, Mar-Oct 1972) performed airlift and airdrop missions, Jan-Oct 1972; the 360 Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (C/EC-47s) conducted airborne radio-direction finding operations, Feb-Nov 1972, and psychological warfare operations, Feb-Aug 1972. Established an operating location of the wing headquarters at Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, on 14 Apr 1972, to provide turn-around service for F-4s of other organizations. It was replaced on 20 Jun 1972 by Detachment 1 of the wing headquarters, which continued the F-4 turn-around service and added A-7 turn-around service on 30 Oct 1972. The detachment continued operations through 11 Feb 1973. As the wing phased down for inactivation, Feb-Mar 1973, transferred many assets to South Vietnamese Air Force. Replaced the 86 Combat Support Group at Ramstein AB, Germany, on 14 Jun 1985. Provided support services for Ramstein and other locations in the Kaiserslautern military community and beyond, 1985-1991. Activated as host wing at Kirtland AFB on 1 Jan 1993. Provided Underground Munitions Maintenance and Storage Complex security, etc. 2000-.

Service Streamers. Global War on Terrorism (GWOT-S).

Campaign Streamers. *Vietnam:* Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; TET 69/Counteroffensive; Vietnam Summer-Fall, 1969; Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Southwest Monsoon; Commando Hunt V; Commando Hunt VI; Commando Hunt VII; Vietnam Ceasefire.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 8 Apr 1966-31 May 1967; 31 Jan-31 Mar 1968; 1 Apr 1969-31 Mar 1971; 17 Jan 1972-28 Mar 1973. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 14 Jun 1985-13 Jun 1987; 1 May 1989-30 Apr 1991; 1 Apr 2004-31 Mar 2006; 1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2013; 1 Jan-31 Dec 2016; 1 Jan 2018-31 Dec 2019. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: [8] Apr 1966-28 Jan 1973.

Lineage, Assignments, Components, Stations, and Honors through 31 Aug 2020.

Commanders, Aircraft, and Operations through 31 Aug 2020.

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Emblem. Approved on 2 May 1995; updated on 7 Feb 2019.

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Blazon. Celeste, in dexter base a sphere Argent, gridlined Azure, bearing a tiger's head affronté Proper, emitting from the sphere a contrail bend sinisterwise arching fesswise and terminating into a flight symbol of the third, fimbriated of the second, superimposed on the contrail a bend per bend Gules and of the third, surmounted by another of the second; all within a diminished bordure Or.

Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "SERVING FREEDOM'S FINEST" in Blue letters.

Significance. 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 tricolor bend suggests the colors of the flag of the United States and reflects the patriotism of the Wing's personnel. The flight symbol and globe denote the worldwide capabilities of the unit in support of combat engagements. The tiger's face symbolizes the Wing's aggressive spirit and reflects its heritage as one of the first units to perform in Vietnam.