

116th Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS)

The mission of the 116th ASOS is the same as its active duty brothers. The TACP acts as the absolute furthest extension of Air Force influence on the Army's battlefield. As a Forward Air Control (FAC) team member you will provide guidance and assistance for joint operations on the use of Air Force assets in a combat role. Your vital skills will provide the most accurate combat intelligence, and terminal control of offensive air support out of any service. As a member of this team you will be responsible for being the most competent communicator on the battlefield. Your primary mission will be to ensure the safety of friendly ground forces through superior communications and visual recognition of enemy forces. Without your skills in high tech communications, and accurate target acquisition... the war might not be won.



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TACP

Tactical Air Control Party



I am that which others did not want to be. I stand for that which others have forgotten or abused. I ask for nothing from those who gave nothing, and defended those who were unable to stand and defend themselves. I have seen the violent face of war and remembered those times that others said were best forgotten. And through the joy of victory, and the tears of sorrow, in the souls of those who came before, in the hearts of those who will follow my lead, I will always say I am proud of what I am...
USAF TACP.

TACTICAL AIR COMMAND & CONTROL

The duties of a Tactical Air Command and Control Specialist (**1C4X1**) are very broad, and truly make up the heart of the ASOS operation.

KEY ASPECTS OF THE JOB

- ✈ Live and work with Joint, and Coalition forces to integrate, teach, and control Close Air Support (CAS).
- ✈ Establish and maintain a vital communications link between Air Force elements located at different Army echelons to request and integrate CAS.
- ✈ Advise and assist Army commanders on the utilization of air assets, to include attack, cargo and reconnaissance aircraft, in a forward controlled airspace.
- ✈ Co-locate with the most forward element, or insert into a hide-site deep on the army battlefield to gather critical intelligence, and identify targets for offensive air support.
- ✈ Control Joint Force aircraft against enemy targets in a high-paced and stressful environment.
- ✈ Be the most critical combat multiplier on the battlefield by controlling close air support, attack helicopters, artillery and naval gunfire against high pay off targets.
- ✈ Become a member of an elite, self motivating team, that requires great amounts of responsibility, integrity, and TEAMWORK!

These are some of the aspects of our job, but not all of them. You will be given a realm of responsibility beyond the scope of an ordinary enlisted member. This leeway is required for you to accomplish your Forward Air Control mission!

EQUIPMENT

GRC -206 RADIO PALLET

QUALIFICATIONS

- ✓ High School Diploma
- ✓ 48 minimum general score (ASVAB)
- ✓ Excellent color vision and depth perception
- ✓ Good physical condition
- ✓ Eligible for secret rated security clearance
- ✓ Eligible to enlist in the Armed Forces

TECHNICAL TRAINING

- ✈ Basic Military Training, 6 weeks, Lackland AFB, TX
- ✈ Technical Training 14 weeks, Hurlburt Field, FL
- ✈ USAF Survival Training 4 weeks, Fairchild AFB, WA

OPTIONAL TRAINING

Joint Fire Power Command & Control course (JFCC),
Nellis AFB, NV
USAF Airborne School, Air Force Academy, CO
Army Air Assault School, Various Locations
Pathfinder School, Fort Benning, GA
Special Operations Regional Orientation, Hurlburt Field, FL

OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Small arms Training Tactical Vehicle Training
Army Operations Training Small Team Tactics Training

CONTINUING TRAINING:

- ✈ Skill level Upgrade Training
- ✈ Supervisory/Leadership Training
- ✈ Management Training
- ✈ Upper Level Operations Courses
- ✈ Interoperability & Cross-training
- ✈ TDY's, Exercises, Emergency Response, Real World Missions

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