

139th INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



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The mission of the new unit is the executing of cryptologic intelligence operations to satisfy strategic, operations and tactical intelligence requirements of national decision makers, combatant commanders and combat operations. In addition, the 139th IS has an important state mission of providing a trained and equipped force to assist the citizens of Georgia in times of emergency. The unit fits the classic associate squadron model in the Air Force by working side-by-side with the 31st Intelligence Squadron at Fort Gordon.

The commander of the 44-member intelligence squadron is Lt. Col. Kimberly Chatfield, and the detachment commander is Lt. Col. Jeff L. Thetford. The unit will employ 37 traditional and seven full time Guardsmen.

The 139th IS compliments the Fort Gordon as home of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, the largest communications electronics facility in the world. The Distributed Common Ground Systems (DCGS) for the Air Force is also located at Ft. Gordon. The original idea for an intelligence squadron in the Georgia Air Guard was initially proposed by Maj. Gen. Wick Searcy, former commander of the Georgia Air Guard.

The 139th Intelligence Squadron, Georgia's newest Air National Guard unit, was officially activated on May 29, 2008, at Fort Gordon, becoming the ninth Air Guard unit in the state and the first new Georgia Air Guard unit in more than 30 years. The unit received both federal recognition as a U.S. Air Force squadron and initial operational capability in April, 2010. The designation of IOC indicates the unit is qualified and ready to execute specified missions. The primary mission of this unit is to execute cryptologic intelligence operations to satisfy strategic, operations and tactical intelligence requirements of national decision makers, combatant commanders and combat operations. Additionally, the 139th IS has the important state mission of providing a trained and equipped force to assist the citizens of Georgia in times of emergency.

The 44-member intelligence squadron employs 37 traditional and seven full-time Guardsmen. The unit fits the classic associate squadron model of the Air Force by working alongside the 31st Intelligence Squadron at Fort Gordon. The 139th IS enhances preexisting intelligence capabilities at Fort Gordon. As home of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, Fort Gordon is the largest communications electronics facility in the world. The Distributed Common Ground Systems for the Air Force also resides at Fort Gordon.

Originally activated in February 1942 as the 139th Signal Radio Intelligence Company, with a cadre of 13 intercept and traffic analysis operators, the unit was designated the 2nd Radio Signal Mobile in 1944, and deployed to France with the 9th Air Force a year later. The unit was later transferred to the Department of the Army, where it operated under the Army Security Agency while in Germany. In 1983, the unit was called to duty again during the Cold War to combine with the 6911th Electronic Security Squadron and re-designate as the 402nd Intelligence Squadron. In 2000, the 402nd was deactivated until its recent reactivation as part of the Georgia Air National Guard.

Since initial standup in 2008, the 139th IS declared initial operational capability in 2010, and full operational capability is expected to be reached in late 2013. While continuing to build towards full operational capability for its federal missions, the 139th IS ramped up its ability to support domestic operation requirements in 2011. The 139th IS augmented Joint Force Headquarters J2 and J3 for hurricane preparedness exercises and Joint Operations Center tabletop exercises. The 139th IS also joined in regular production of the Republic of Georgia Diplomatic, Informational, Military, and Economic Summary which supports the Adjutant General and Ga. DoD staffs. The 139th Intelligence Squadron received a new squadron commander in July 2011, when Lt. Col. Geoclyn R. Williams assumed command.



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