

# 234<sup>th</sup> INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



## LINEAGE

234<sup>th</sup> Airways and Air Communications Service Operations Flight federally recognized 11 Jan 1953

Redesignated 234<sup>th</sup> Mobile Communications Squadron, 1966

Redesignated 234<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron,

Redesignated 234<sup>th</sup> Combat Information Systems Squadron, 1 Jul 1985

Redesignated 234<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Squadron, 1986

Redesignated 234<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron, 6 Jul 2004

## STATIONS

Hayward, California

Beale AFB, CA, *1 Dec 2004*

## ASSIGNMENTS

162<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Group

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## Decorations

## EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, between two mullets Argent descending palewise, a gauntlet Silver Gray grasping a ring of the like looping the eye of a key ward to base with six lightning flashes radiating from the fist, three to dexter and three to sinister Or; all within a narrow border Yellow.

Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "CLAVIS DOMINUS" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "234TH INTELLIGENCE SQ" in Yellow letters.

### **EMBLEM 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 iron gauntlet represents the power of intelligence. The lightning flashes allude to combat communications and the three Air Force core values. The key on a ring symbolizes knowledge. The two stars represent the unit's service to state and nation.

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

#### **234 Intelligence Squadron**

- **Mission - Operationally integrated with the 548th Intelligence Group, providing intel support to theater, joint/combined force and component commanders**
  - **Near-real-time U-2, Global Hawk and Predator imagery**
  - **In-garrison communications operations, computer maintenance, and support functions**
- **Location – Beale AFB**
- **Command – ACC**

Operates \$1B Distributed Ground Station-2 and Deployable Shelterized System-Film components of the Air Force Distributed Common Ground System. Includes exploitation and dissemination of near-real-time U-2, Global Hawk and Predator imagery and signals data to provide actionable, fused all-source intelligence to theater, joint/combined force and component commanders. Supports six unified command operations plans.

The 234<sup>th</sup> has provided command, control, communications and computer support as well as Air Traffic Control services over the years. The unit has participated in numerous missions such as: Joint Forge, Joint Endeavor, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Southern Watch, Noble Eagle and many others. Additionally, the unit has participated in exercises such as Brim Frost, Cobra Gold, Tandem Thrust, Global Shield, Team Spirit, Ulchi Focus Lens, RSOI, Sentry Vigilance, and many more.

Members of the 234<sup>th</sup> have deployed to over 40 countries and virtually all fifty states. In addition, the unit has provided support for numerous wildfires, floods, earthquakes, and has provided communications support to state authorities during times of civil unrest in support of its State mission.

On 6 Jul 2004, the Secretary of the Air Force signed a request to change the mission and location for the unit. Since that time, the unit has been in the process of moving and establishing itself as the 234<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron at Beale AFB, CA, where the unit will be working along side their active counterparts in the 548<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Group, while remaining under headquarters 162<sup>nd</sup> Combat Communications Group for administrative control purposes.



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