

450th INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

6950th Security Squadron constituted and activated, 1 Jul 1974
Redesignated 6950th Electronic Security Group, 1 Aug 1979
Redesignated 450th Intelligence Squadron, 1 Oct 1993
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1995
Activated, 12 Jul 2007

STATIONS

RAF Chicksands, England, 1 Jul 1974-30 Jun 1995
Ramstein AB, Germany, 12 Jul 2007

ASSIGNMENTS

6950th Security Group, 1 Jul 1974
United States Air Force Security Service, 1 Oct 1978
Electronic Security Command, 1 Aug 1979
Electronic Security, Europe (later, European Electronic Security Division), 30 Sep 1980
693rd Electronic Security Wing, 7 Jul 1988
European Electronic Security Division, 23 May 1991
26th Intelligence Wing, 1 Oct 1991
26th Intelligence Group, 1 Oct 1993-30 Jun 1995
693rd Intelligence Group, 12 Jul 2007

COMMANDERS

Col James W. Johnson, Jr., 29 Sep 1974
Col William H. Ernest, 15 Aug 1976
Col Francis E. Brandon, Jr., Jul 1978
LTC Holbrook M. Watts, 1 Oct 1978
LTC John P. Lynch, 3 Jul 1979
LTC Voy J. Nicholson, 13 Jul 1981
Col James I. Carver, II, 14 Jul 1983
LTC Paul J. McKenna, Jr., Jun 1985
Col Jerry R. Bedinfield, 1 Jul 1985-Unknown
LTC Christopher Worley, 12 Jul 2007
LTC Leah G. Lauderbach, 26 Jun 2009
LTC Matthew Biewer, 16 Jun 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Oct 1993-30 Sep 1994
1 Jun 2007-31 May 2009

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, a key in chief Or and a sword of the last flamed Gules in saltire above in base a gamecock of the last, detailed Sable spurred Argent, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disk, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "450TH INTELLIGENCE SQ" in Yellow 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 rooster is the heritage emblem from when the unit was located at RAF Chicksands. The rooster, in fighting stance, represents the combat nature of the operations and the warrior ethos present within the Squadron. It is also known for its early morning calls alerting others to the break of a new day, much as intelligence alerts the unit's responsibility to changes in the environment, whether they are threats or capabilities. The burning sword represents quick action and the cutting edge of intelligence operations. The key is a common Air Force symbol representing cumulatively the key of knowledge, unlocking the doors to the unknown, and the ability to access secret information.

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle
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Sources

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The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, VA.