

693 INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

693 Intelligence Support Squadron activated, 1 Jun 2010

STATIONS

Ramstein Air Base, Germany, 1 Jun 2010

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Jason Winslow, 1 Jun 2010

LTC Matthew Miller, 6 Jul 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disk Azure, a diamond Sable, faceted Argent, overall above a sword with the blade as a lightning bolt and a key ward downward out outward crossed in base Or, an owl affronte erased

at the neck Gules, eyed of the second, detailed of the field, all within a narrow border of white. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow White border and inscribed "THE OWL IS ALWAYS WATCHING" in White letters. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow White border and inscribed "693D INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT SQUADRON" in white 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 owl represents prudence, intelligence, wisdom, strength in war, and is associated with night flying. The fierce stare of the owl's eyes are indicative of alertness and readiness. The diamond shape is symbolic of defense, the nature and stealth of operations. The lightning bolt and skeleton key represent the Squadron's fusion of the communications and intelligence realms. All the elements combined represent the unit's mission to see through the darkness, to shed light and truth on the unknown. (Approved, 8 Jul 2011)

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OPERATIONS

ISR Wing Adds Three Squadrons: The 480th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Wing at Langley AFB, Va., in early June inactivated three of its detachments and, in their place, activated three intelligence support squadrons. The new units are the 792nd ISS at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, 693rd ISS at Ramstein AB, Germany, and the 694th ISS at Osan AB, South Korea. They provide communication, computer, maintenance, and logistics support to the Air Force's distributed common ground system, a network of worldwide hubs that processes, analyzes, and disseminates imagery and signals intelligence products to warfighters. The squadrons' activation standardizes DCGS operations under the wing, Langley officials said. This move is part of the broader, continuing transformation of the Air Force's intelligence-surveillance-reconnaissance enterprise. 2010

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