

1st COMBAT CAMERA SQUADRON



LINEAGE

1st Army Air Forces Combat Camera Unit constituted, 4 Feb 1943

Activated, 12 Feb 1943

Inactivated, 9 Sep 1945

Redesignated 1st Air Force Combat Camera Unit, 26 Sep 1947

Activated in the Reserve, 10 Aug 1948

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

Redesignated 1st Combat Camera Unit, 14 Aug 1950

Activated, 2 Sep 1950

Redesignated 1st Photographic Squadron, 16 Apr 1951

Inactivated, 8 Jun 1954

1361st Photographic Squadron designated, and activated, 1 Jul 1971

Redesignated 1361st Audiovisual Squadron, 1 Jun 1976

Redesignated 1361st Audiovisual Squadron (Combat Camera), 1 Feb 1990

1st Photographic Squadron and 1361st Audiovisual Squadron (Combat Camera) consolidated and redesignated 1st Combat Camera Squadron, 1 Apr 1992

STATIONS

Culver City, CA, 12 Feb 1943 (not manned, Feb Jun 1943)

Mitchel Field, NY, 25 Aug 5 Dec 1943

Naples, Italy, 16 Jan 1944

Bari, Italy, 22 Jan 1944-9 Sep 1945

Long Beach, CA, 10 Aug 1948-27 Jun 1949

Bolling AFB, DC, 2 Sep 1950

Alexandria, VA, 2 Jan 1951 8 Jun 1954

Arlington, VA, 1 Jul 1971
Andrews AFB, MID, 1 Oct 1988
Charleston AFB, SC, 1 Apr 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

1st Motion Picture Unit, 12 Feb 1943
I Fighter Command, 25 Aug 1943
Fifteenth Air Force, Jan 1944-9 Sep 1945
Fourth Air Force, 10 Aug 1948-27 Jun 1949
Headquarters Command, 2 Sep 1950
1130th USAF Special Activities Group, 1 Mar 1951
Air Pictorial (later, Air Photographic and Charting) Service, 1 Apr 1951
1350th Photo Group (Documentary), 1 Aug 1952
Air Photographic and Charting Service, 1 Jan 8 Jun 1954
Aerospace Audio Visual (later, Aerospace Audiovisual; Air Combat Camera) Service, 1 Jul 1971
621st Air Mobility Operations Group, 22 Jul 1994
21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, 1 Mar 2005
621st Contingency Operations Support Group, 1 Apr 2007
Air Force Public Affairs Agency, 1 Oct 2008

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II
European African Middle Eastern Theater
Naples Foggia 1943-1944
Rome Arno 1944

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Meritorious Unit Award
1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2010

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1971-30 Jun 1973
1 Jul 1977-30 Jun 1979
1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1983
1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985
1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1987

22 Jul 1994-21 Jul 1995
1 Jun 2002-31 May 2003
1 Jun 2003-30 Jun 2004
1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2005
[1 Oct] 2005-30 Jun 2007
1 Oct 2007-30 Sep 2008

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
1 Jun 1991-31 May 1993

EMBLEM

Approved, 27 Jul 1983

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

1st Combat Camera Squadron acquires still and motion imagery in support of classified and unclassified air, sea, and ground military operations. 1st Combat Camera Squadron imagery is a fundamental tool of commanders and decision-makers throughout the Department of Defense. Their imagery provides a visual record for use in operational analysis, training, public information, and as a permanent historical record. It is a timely, accurate information resource, providing a "you-are-there" perspective, and is essential battlefield information in support of strategic, operational, and tactical mission objectives. Combat camera personnel are an integral part of Joint exercises, contingency operations, humanitarian relief efforts, and disasters of every kind. The squadron consists of technical experts in Visual Information career fields Still Photography and Videography and dedicated support professionals. 1st Combat Camera Squadron imagery is also archived for historical purposes and can be recalled through the Joint Combat Camera Center at the Pentagon and the Defense Visual Information Center at Riverside, CA. COMCAM does not include imagery specifically acquired by Intelligence activities.



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