

3rd COMBAT CAMERA SQUADRON



LINEAGE

3rd Army Air Forces Combat Camera Unit constituted and activated, 12 Feb 1943
Inactivated, 27 Oct 1945

1365th Photographic Squadron activated, 1 Jan 1976
Redesignated 1365th Audiovisual Squadron, 1 Jun 1976
Redesignated 1365th Audiovisual Squadron (Combat Camera), 1 Feb 1990
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1992

3rd Army Air Forces Combat Camera Unit and 1365th Audiovisual Squadron (Combat Camera)
consolidated and redesignated 3rd Combat Camera Squadron, 20 Oct 2009

Activated, 23 Oct 2009

STATIONS

Culver City, CA, 12 Feb 1943
Fort Hamilton, NY, 14-21 Oct 1943
Liverpool, UK, 3 Nov 1943
Camp Lynn (High Wycombe), UK, 3 Nov 1943
Cheddington, UK, 11 Nov 1943
Teddington, UK, by 31 Dec 1943
Hethel, UK, Feb 1944
Camp Lynn (High Wycombe), 22 Apr 1944-27 Oct 1945
Kelly AFB, TX, 1 Jan 1976
Lackland AFB, TX, 15 Jul 1980-1 Apr 1992
Lackland AFB, TX, 23 Oct 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

1st Motion Picture Unit, 12 Feb 1943

Eighth Air Force 3 Nov 1943

8th Reconnaissance Wing (Provisional) (attached to 2 Bomb Division), 27 Feb 1944

325th Photographic Wing, Reconnaissance, 9 Aug 1944

Eighth Air Force, 6 Feb 1945

VIII Fighter Command, 16 Jul-27 Oct 1945

Aerospace Audio-Visual Service (later Aerospace Audiovisual Service), 1 Jan 1976-1 Apr 1992

Air Force Public Affairs Agency, 23 Oct 2009

COMMANDERS

Maj Thomas Knowles

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II

European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Meritorious Unit Award

1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2010

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, above a section of film of the field, perforated Argent, a stylized bald eagle couped at the shoulder facing dexter with three arrows protruding from its chest Gris, in base a demi-globe Brittany Blue, grid-lined of the field; all within a narrow Yellow border. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "FOCUSED ON THE FIGHT" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "3D COMBAT CAMERA SQ" in Yellow letters. 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 bald eagle represents our proud nation--a nation ever reluctant to make war, but always prepared to fight for the preservation of freedom. The arrows represent the 3d Combat Camera Squadron and the unit's readiness to employ forces and related combat capabilities throughout the full spectrum of military conflict. The globe, topped with square film perforations, represents the combat camera mission--the worldwide acquisition of still and motion imagery in support of classified and unclassified air, sea, and ground military operations.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The Air Force activated the third of four combat camera squadrons during an activation ceremony Oct. 1 at the Gateway Club. Located at Lackland, the 3rd Combat Camera Squadron falls under the Air Force Public Affairs Agency. The squadron's mission is to deploy combat-ready forces worldwide to document history. "Combat camera is an essential battlefield information resource that supports operational and tactical mission objectives," said Col. Les Kodlick, director of public affairs for the Secretary of the Air Force. "It is an integral part of operations during wartime, worldwide crisis, contingencies and other events of significant national interest." Colonel Kodlick also said the squadron influences the future of governments, nations, international relations and public views through still and video imagery, adding that combat camera is committed to bringing the truth to people across the globe. "Combat camera's specialty in aerial documentation is negating enemy propaganda by capturing what really happened, denying the enemy the ability to mislead the public," said Colonel Kodlick.



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