

26th CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS GROUP



MISSION

The 26 Cyberspace Operations Group provides Air Force Network Operations assurance for system and network availability, information delivery, information protection and net-centric enterprise services to meet priorities of the Air Force Network Operations Commander, Commander US Strategic Command and Unified Combatant Commanders.

The group operates, manages, and secures the network Battlespace as part of Air Force Network Operations Command. Employs 3 operational units and over 700 Airmen worldwide, providing Battlespace awareness and defense of Air Force Global Information Grid networks. Trains, certifies, deploys, sustains, and assesses cyberspace forces for Warfighting Headquarters and Combatant Commanders. Develops tactics, techniques, and procedures to improve operational capabilities of the cyberspace force.

LINEAGE

6914th Electronic Security Squadron established and activated, 1 Oct 1986

Redesignated 26th Technical Group, 1 Mar 1993

Redesignated 26th Intelligence Group, 1 Oct 1993

Redesignated 26th Information Operations Group, 1 Aug 2000

Redesignated 26th Network Operations Group, 5 Jul 2006

Redesignated 26th Cyberspace Operations Group, 1 Oct 2013

STATIONS

Sembach AB, Germany, 1 October 1986

Vogelweh, Germany, 1 March 1993

Ramstein AB, Germany, Jul 2000-4 Jul 2006

Kelly Field Annex, Lackland AFB, TX, 5 Jul 2006

ASSIGNMENTS

6910th Electronic Security Wing, 1 Oct 1986

691st Electronic Security Wing 15 Jul 1988

26th Intelligence Wing 1 Oct 1991

67th Intelligence (later, Information Operations; Network Warfare; Cyberspace) Wing, 1 Oct 1993

COMMANDERS

Col Pamela Woolley

LTC John R. Young

Col Gary Selin

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

1 Jun 2002-30 May 2003.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1988-20 Jun 1990

1 Oct 1993-30 Sep 1994

1 Oct 1994-30 Sep 1995

1 Oct 1996-30 Sep 1997

1 Jun 2001-31 May 2002

1 Jun 2003-31 May 2005

EMBLEM



26th Electronic Security Squadron emblem approved, 1988

26th Cyberspace Operations Group emblem: Per fess Azure and Vert, in saltire a lightning bolt bend sinisterwise Gules, fimbriated Or, and a sword bendwise point to base of the last, overall a knight Sable, detailed Argent, eyed of the like, pupil of the third, in base a cross patty of the fifth, fimbriated of the sixth, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "26TH CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS GROUP" in Blue 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 chess knight represents the adaptable yet tactical movement of cyberspace forces to deter adversaries while defending the Air Force's cyberspace domain. The lightning bolt represents the speed and accuracy with which the Group's personnel perform their assigned missions while the sword signifies the military employment of cyberspace capability toward adversaries. The cross represents the lineage and heritage of the Group and its long history of operations and mission accomplishment in Europe.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 6914th Electronic Security Squadron is located at Site One, Mehlingen, Sembach AB, West Germany. Its subordinate to the 691st Electronic Security Wing, Lindsey AS, West Germany, and Headquarters European Electronic Security Division, Ramstein AB, West Germany.

With approximately 285 people assigned, unit members develop and apply techniques and materials designed to ensure that friendly command and control communications are secure and protected from hostile countermeasures.

The unit employs methods to analyze command, control and communications countermeasures systems and provides a degraded communications environment for training allied air and ground crews. They also ensure that Air Force communications are secure by providing communications security and communications support to United States Air Forces in Europe and NATO commands.

Activated Oct. 1, 1986, the 6914th incorporates the communications security and communications jamming assets of the old 6918th ESS and the mobile assets of the 6913th ESS.

College courses are offered throughout the day and evening on Sembach AB. Dependents in grades kindergarten through ninth attend school on Sembach AB and the high school is located in the Vogleweh housing area.

The gym has four daily aerobic classes, racquetball courts, a basketball court and weight room with free weights, universal and nautilus equipment. There is also a base chapel, child care

center, bowling center, base exchange, non-commissioned officers' club, officers' club, commissary, audiophoto club, clinic and many other support facilities.

The Sembach Bach Haven Recreation Center offers a wide variety of programs for those interested in off-duty activities. In the evenings, one can play pool, attend a play or local club meetings. Also, on many weekends, the recreation center will offer sightseeing, shopping tours and ski trips to Trier, the Black Forest and Austria.

The Sembach AB Tour Office can assist in booking tours with one of the many tour companies represented, reserve concert tickets, or help plan a "do-it-yourself" holiday.

Most single airmen live in the dormitories, currently two to a room. The buildings are being renovated to "hotel-style" dorms.

Base housing is available with two-, three- and four-bedroom apartments. Due to the increase of assigned personnel, there is approximately a 14-month waiting list for housing depending on rank and bedroom requirements.

Many families choose to live in the Vogleweh or Ramstein AB housing, which has shorter waiting lists. Vogleweh housing is approximately 25 minutes away, while Ramstein housing is about a 35-minute drive.

Housing on the economy is fairly easy to find for single or small families. It is more difficult to find reasonably priced three- and four-bedroom houses. Housing can be expensive on the economy due to the high cost of utilities. However, living on the economy can be an exciting way to experience German culture.

The 6914th has a squadron spouses' group, comprised of family members and servicewomen. They hold monthly meetings and plan squadron events such as the annual squadron Christmas party, children's Christmas party, sightseeing tours and support to squadron members in times of need.

Site One, Mehlingen is located about five miles northeast of Kaiserslautern in the German state of Rheinland-Pfalz. Because of this central location, many tourist attractions are located nearby. In the summer, one can enjoy outdoor cafes, volksmarches in the forest, storybook castles, carnivals and more.

6914th ESS Mehlingen (Sembach AB), Ger. 1 Oct '86-1990

In 1984 General Marks, the ESC Commander, directed a concerted effort to investigate various strategies to reposition and / or realign the command's tactical assets to better support exercise and wartime taskings. As a result of this effort, a proposal to consolidate two mobile ESC assets, the 6913 ESS, at Flak Kaserne, Augsburg, Germany, and the 6918 ESS at the Mehlingen annex of Sembach AB, Germany. On 15 April 1985, General Marks formally proposed this initiative to USAFE, and on 19 July the proposal was accepted and approved. The new combined unit was to

be called the 6914 ESS. The 6918 ESS vacated its Sembach AB location on 1 October 1986, set up at Mehlingen Annex. The move of the 6913 ESS (Mobile) from Augsburg, Germany to the Mehlingen annex occurred in April 1987. 1986

Detachments

1, activated, 9 Jun 2006 at Lackland AFB, TX, inactivated, 1 Nov 2008

2, activated, 5 Jul 2006 at Gunter, AL, inactivated, 18 Aug 2009

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.