

31 INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



MISSION

U.S. Air Force component of the quad-service Gordon Regional SIGINT Operations Center. Responsible for national and direct support of CINC and component intelligence needs in the GENICOM and EUCOM AORS as well as the U.S. Special Operations Command.

Maintains tactical Air Force personnel in a ready posture to augment RC-135 Rivet Joint and Contingency Airborne Reconnaissance System units or special operations aircraft whenever and wherever these assets may be needed.

LINEAGE

31 Communications Security Squadron constituted, 30 Sep 1953
Activated, 8 Dec 1953
Inactivated, 8 May 1955

6931 Security Squadron designated and activated, 1 Jul 1974
Redesignated 6931 Electronic Security Squadron, 1 Aug 1979
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1993

31 Communications Security Squadron and 6931 Electronic Security Squadron consolidated, 4 Aug 1995

Redesignated 31 Intelligence Squadron, 4 Aug 1995
Activated, 1 Oct 1995

STATIONS

Bushy Park, England, 8 Dec 1953

Frankfurt, Germany, 7 Jun 1954–8 May 1955
Iraklion AS, Greece, 1 Jul 1974–30 Sep 1993
Ft. Gordon, Georgia, 1 Oct 1995

ASSIGNMENTS

6900 Security Wing, 8 Dec 1953
Air Force Communications Security Center, 15 Oct 1954
690 Security Wing, 16 Nov 1954–8 May 1955
6931 Security Group, 1 Jul 1974
United States Air Force Security Service (later, Electronic Security Command), 1 Oct 1978
Electronic Security, Europe (later, European Electronic Security Division), 30 Sep 1980
26 Intelligence Wing, 1 Oct 1991–30 Sep 1993
67 Intelligence Group, 1 Oct 1995
543 Intelligence Group, 1 Mar 1997
70 Operations Group, 14 Jul 2006
497 Intelligence Group (later, 497 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group), 16 Jul 2008
480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group 10 Nov 2010

COMMANDERS

Maj Charles E. Melchar, 8 Dec 1953
Capt R. K. Allgier
Lt Col Phillip L. Osborne
Lt Col Marilyn H. Jenkins
Lt Col Kevin D. Dixon, 14 Jul 2006
Lt Col Jamie Gomez, Jr., 27 Jun 2008
Lt Col Daniel Simpson, 22 Jun 2010
Lt Col Brian Hemingway, 28 Jun 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Joint Meritorious Unit Award
1 Jul 1999–30 Sep 2002
1 Jul 2003–30 Sep 2006

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Combat “V” Device
1 Jun 2001–31 May 2003

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jul 1974–30 Jun 1975

1 Jul 1975–30 Jun 1976
1 Jul 1976–30 Jun 1977
1 Jul 1977–30 Jun 1978
1 Jul 1983–30 Jun 1985
23 May 1987–23 Jun 1988
1 Oct 1997–30 Sep 1998
1 Oct 1999–30 Sep 2000
1 Jun 2004–31 May 2005
1 Jun 2007–31 May 2009

EMBLEM

Azure, a globe in base Celeste, land masses Or gridlined Sable between two wings elevated of the third detailed Black all below a chess Knight of the last fimbriated Argent surmounting a sword Or, point to base bendwise sinister, the blade as a lightning flash per pale Yellow and Gules grip of the last; all within a diminished bordure Black. Attached above the disc a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border. Attached below the disc a white scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "NO BORDERS, NO LIMITS" in black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and yellow are 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 winged globe alludes to the unit's contributions to the Air Force mission and support of specific airborne, remote, ground, and seaborne operations. The lightning flash sword represents the squadron's speed in communications and the effect of intelligence to combat readiness. The chess knight reflects the unit's history and lineage and symbolizes its intelligence functions.

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

Flight A, 31 CSS RAF Burtonwood, England, 1953
Flight B, 31 CSS RAF Station Bushy Park, England, 1953
Flight C, 31 CSS Camp Fieri, Wiesbaden, Germany, 1953
Flight D, 31 CSS Camp Fieri, Wiesbaden, Germany, 1953-1954

Det 1, 31 CSS RAF Burtonwood, England, 1954
Det 2, 31 CSS RAF Station Bushy Park, England, 1954-1955
Det 3, 31 CSS Camp Fieri, Wiesbaden, Germany, 1954-1955
Det 4, 31 CSS Wheelus AB, Libya, 1954-1955

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Sources

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International Publishing Service, Rome, Italy. 1955.