

43 INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

43 Intelligence Squadron

STATIONS

Cannon AFB, NM

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Frederick Humphrey

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



Per bend Or and Azure, a lightning flash in bend Gules, between in dexter base an eye Argent, outlined Sable, with a globe for an iris of the second, gridlined of the fourth, and in sinister chief a falcon stooping to dexter Gold Brown, beak and feet of the first, clutching a camera of the fourth, emitting a ray from its lens of the first, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "VENATORES ET VINDICES TACITI" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "43D INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON" in Black 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 lightning bolt symbolizes the ability to strike anytime, anywhere. The falcon and camera embody the unit's airborne intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission. The eye and globe stand for the worldwide nature of the Air Force mission and the persistent nature of America's intelligence capabilities.

MOTTO

VENATORES ET VINDICES TACITI--Silent Hunters and Defenders

OPERATIONS

Officials at Cannon AFB, N.M., officially activated the 43rd Intelligence Squadron during a ceremony last week. The squadron, which is taking the place of Det. 1, 25th IS, which was inactivated, will train and employ direct support operators specializing in threat warning and situational awareness while flying aboard Air Force Special Operations Command aircraft. "As a detachment, we've been here since the 27th Special Operations Wing first activated," said 1st Lt. Paul Caruso, 43rd IS chief of current operations. "As a squadron, we'll be here for as long as there are flying squadrons who need the intelligence we provide." Maj. William J. Howery, the former Det. 1 commander, relinquished command to Lt. Col. Frederick Humphrey, the new squadron commander, during a ceremony at Cannon, Nov. 1. The transition from a detachment to a squadron was necessary to accommodate an increase in flying squadrons and aircraft located at Cannon. 2011

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