

55 INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 55 Intelligence Support Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base has a unique mission, combining the efforts of three separate intelligence squadrons, the 97th Intelligence Squadron at Offutt AFB, the 488th Intelligence Squadron at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom and the 390th Intelligence Squadron at Kadana AB, Japan. The 55 ISS also combines the efforts of several other intelligence-gathering units across the United States to create intelligence products and information vital to national security and U.S. forces worldwide.

The 55 ISS is the hub for 55 Wing intelligence oversight and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance management, as well as the worldwide maintenance hub for mission equipment on all RC-135 variants. In addition to these missions, the 55 ISS is the computer nerve center for Offutt AFB assuring continuous connectivity for many of the nation's most vital assets.

The 55 ISS currently has 219 active-duty personnel with 24 different Air Force specialty codes and 91 civilians, all supporting seven aircraft.

LINEAGE

55 Intelligence Support Squadron constituted, 18 May 2010
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STATIONS

Offutt AFB, NE, 22 Jul 2010

ASSIGNMENTS

55 Operations Group, 22 Jul 2010

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, a lightning bolt bendwise sinister Or bearing a griffin standing on the bolt, the front two claws grasping the bolt, griffin Gules, eyed Sable and Argent, armed and highlighted on beak of the last; beak of the second, detailed of the fourth, in base five mullets arced Silver Gray, the mullet in dexter base divided of the last and of the fourth, all within a narrow bordure Black. Attached below the disc, a Silver Gray scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "55 INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT SQ" 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 griffin is a mythical creature normally known for guarding treasure and priceless possessions. The griffin signifies strength, military courage and leadership. Griffins are portrayed with a lion's body, an eagle's head and wings to indicate that one must combine intelligence and strength. The griffin symbolizes the Squadron's three core competencies: Cryptology, Intelligence Support and Mx/Communications. The lightning bolt represents the electronic spectrum from which our intelligence is derived. The stars allude to the five platforms supported by the Squadron: RJ, Ball, Combat Sent, Open Skies and Constant Phoenix. The star that is half black represents Cobra Ball. (Approved, 27 Aug 2010)

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