

718 INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



MISSION

The 718 Intelligence Squadron provides combat mission-ready Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Officers and Imagery Intelligence, Signals Intelligence and All-Source Fusion Analysts in support of Distributed Common Ground System Weapon System operations and combatant commanders. Additionally, the 718th IS provides fully-qualified computer system support personnel to sustain and maintain the robust communications and computer network required to fully integrate into the DCGS world-wide enterprise.

Personnel: 88 authorized (62 Traditional Reservists; 13 Air Reserve Technicians, and 13 Full-Time Reservists)

LINEAGE

718 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy constituted, 6 Apr 1943
Activated, 1 May 1943
Redesignated 718 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 23 May 1945
Redesignated 718 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 28 May 1948
Redesignated 718 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 16 May 1949
Redesignated 718 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Photographic, 1 Apr 1950
Redesignated 718 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Heavy, 16 Jul 1950
Redesignated 718 Bombardment Squadron, Heavy, 1 Oct 1955
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Feb 1963
Redesignated 718 Intelligence Squadron
Activated, 7 June 2011

STATIONS

Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 1 May 1943
Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 5 Jul 1943

Bruning AAFld, NE, 12 Sep-26 Nov 1943
Grottaglie, Italy, 6 Jan 1944-15 May 1945
Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 29 May 1945
Dalhart AAFld, TX, 24 Ju1 1945
Grand Island AAFld, NE, 8 Sep 1945-4 Oct 1946
Elmendorf Field, AK, 20 Oct 1946-24 Apr 1947
Rapid City AAFld, SD, 3 May 1947
Amarillo AFB, TX, 20 Feb 1960-1 Feb 1963
Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Andersen AFB, Guam, 22 Apr 1955-24 Jul 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

449 Bombardment Group, 1 May 1943
28 Bombardment (later Strategic Reconnaissance) Group, 4 Aug 1946
28 Strategic Reconnaissance (later Bombardment) Wing, 16 Jun 1952
4128 Strategic Wing, 20 Feb 1960-1 Feb 1963
940 Operations Group
655 ISR Group

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1943-1945
B-17, 1945
B-29, 1946-1950
B-36, 1949-1950
RB-29, 1950
RB-36, 1950-1957
B-52, 1957-1963

COMMANDERS

LTC Charles J. Purcell, #1959
LTC Lynnette J. Hebert
LTC Joshua Redden

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe
Naples-Foggia
Anzio
Rome-Arno

Normandy
Northern France
Southern France
North Apennines
Rhineland
Central Europe
Po Valley
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Bucharest, Rumania, 4 Apr 1944
Ploesti, Rumania, 9 Jul 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Sep 1957-30 Jun 1958
1 Mar 1960-30 Jun 1961

EMBLEM



Over and through a disc scarlet, border triparted black, yellow, and black respectively, a brown and white falcon in flight to sinister, beak yellow, dropping three aerial bombs brown, banded yellow, to base from open bomb bay doors brown, all in front of a large white cloud formation, shaded light blue. (Approved, 21 Mar 1957)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO, 8 Jan 1944-26 Apr 1945

New Intel Squadron Stands Up at Langley Anew Air Force Reserve Command intelligence unit was activated June 7 at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va. The 718th Intelligence Squadron reports to the 940th Operations Group at Beale Air Force Base, Calif. The squadron is authorized nine officers and 79 enlisted Airmen. The Reservists integrate with the regular Air Force's 497th Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group in support of Distributed Ground Station-2 at Langley. DGS-2 is a major component of the Air Force Distributed Common Ground System. Through Total Force Integration, the 718th IS Reservists will work alongside active-duty and Air National Guard Airmen at the DGS-2. "The 718th will provide continuity and long-term experience to the DCGS mission, providing timely, relevant ISR support to war fighters at every level of combat," said Col. Jon M. Ellis, 940th OG commander. "In short, it will deliver the right support to the right war fighter at the right time." The Air Force's DCGS is the service's premier globally networked intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance weapon system. The DCGS produces, exploits and disseminates intelligence information collected from multiple sources, including the U-2 Dragonlady, RQ-4 Global Hawk, MQ-9 Reaper and MQ-1 Predator, in direct support of overseas contingency operations.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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