

## 318 CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS GROUP



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

8 Photographic Reconnaissance Group constituted, 15 Sep 1943  
Activated, 1 Oct 1943  
Redesignated 8 Reconnaissance Group, Jun 1945  
Inactivated, 5 Nov 1945  
Disbanded, 6 Mar 1947  
Reconstituted and redesignated 318 Electronic Warfare Group, 31 Jul 85  
Redesignated 318 Information Operations Group, 17 Jul 2000  
Activated, 1 Aug 2000

### STATIONS

Peterson Field, Colo, 1 Oct 1943  
Gainesville AAFld, Tex, 26 Oct 1943-12 Feb 1944  
Bally, India, 31 Mar 1944-7 Oct 1945  
Camp Kilmer, NJ, 3-5 Nov 1945  
Kelly Annex, Lackland AFB, TX

### ASSIGNMENTS

III Reconnaissance Command, 1 Oct 1943  
89 Reconnaissance Training Wing, 27 Oct 1943  
Tenth Air Force, c. 31 Mar 1944  
Army Air Forces (AAF), India-Burma Sector, China-Burma-India Theater (later, AAF, India-Burma Theater), 18 Jul 1944  
Army Service Forces, 8 Oct-5 Nov 1945

Air Force Information Warfare Center, 1 Aug 2000

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

P-40, 1943-1945

F-5, F-7, 1944-1945

F-6, 1945

## **COMMANDERS**

Lt Col Paul A Zartman, 1 Oct 1943

Col Charles P Hollstein, 12 Dec 1943

Col James W Anderson Jr, 24 Jan 1945

Lt Col John R Gee, Oct 1945-5 Nov 1945

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaigns**

India-Burma

China Defensive

Central Burma

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**



318 Information Operations Group

318 Cyberspace Operations Group emblem: Gules, on a spider web throughout Argent (Silver Gray), a stylized spider Azure bearing two lightning bolts on its body arched inward Or, all within a diminished bordure of the last. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow

Yellow border and inscribed "318TH CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS GROUP" in Blue 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 web represents the interconnectivity of the cyberspace domain through Air Force, government and commercial networks. The spider symbolizes the unit's cunningness to deny, disrupt, degrade or destroy adversary advantages in cyberspace. The lightning bolts pertain to two of the three pillars of Information Operations that the group actively provides—Network Warfare and Influence Operations. The spider's position on the web signifies the Group's capabilities across all of cyberspace.

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Trained to provide photographic intelligence for air and ground forces. Moved to India, Feb-Mar 1944. Equipped with F-5, F-6, F-7, and P-40 which operated from various bases in India, Burma, and China. In addition to operational flying units, group consisted of a variety of components which performed combat camera, combat mapping, engineer topographic; and photo lab, intelligence, and technical functions. Group comprised the American portion of a combined AAF-Royal Air Force organization, the Photo Reconnaissance Force. Conducted photographic-reconnaissance, photographic-mapping, and visual-reconnaissance sorties. Produced maps, mosaics, terrain models, and target charts of areas in Burma, China, French Indochina, and Thailand. Also bombed and strafed enemy installations and provided escort for bombardment units.

Returned to US, Oct-Nov 1945 and inactivated on 5 Nov 1945. Activated on 1 Aug 2000 as an information operations group at Kelly AFB, TX.

318th IOG Comprised of six unique squadrons and one detachment. The premier IW Group—training and integrating advanced tactics, technologies, and tools—arming America's warfighters with decisive IW combat power. Seamlessly integrates IO into air/space operations. Tests IO capabilities and develops tactics, techniques and procedures. Conducts full spectrum IO aggressor/Red Team and network/systems vulnerability assessments. Provides electronic warfare analysis and data support. Integrates IO into USAF and joint exercises. Trains and supports warfighters for information operations.

Detachment 2, 318th Info Operations Group Nellis AFB, Nevada — USAF lead for integrating Info Ops into Combat Air Forces' training at operational and tactical levels. Ensures Info Ops integration into Combat Air Ops Center-Nellis (CAOC-N), the USAF Weapons School and Flag exercises to train air, space and IO professionals.

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