

496th RECONNAISSANCE TECHNICAL SQUADRON



MISSION

The 496th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron (RTS) processes and exploits reconnaissance imagery of the United States European Command area of responsibility to produce imagery intelligence and products supporting the United States Air Forces Europe and the United States European Command.

They accomplish second phase sensor exploitation, processing and reporting which includes bulk film reproduction to support USAF requirements. The squadron stores, maintains, and distributes tactical target materials and provides reconnaissance technical support, expertise, and guidance to other theater units.

Producing photographic materials, the 496 RTS supports special requirements including mosaics, briefing graphics, sonne prints, and quick reaction target graphics. The squadron also provides imagery interpretation training for all wing and squadron imagery interpreters.

The NATO Equipment Interpretation Course (NEIC) is a USAFE directed course for imagery interpreters. The course is instructed by 496 RTS imagery interpreters that are highly trained for this special task. The 496th has also created a mobile training team in order to get more personnel trained

LINEAGE

496th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron
Activated, 1 Oct 1982

STATIONS

RAF Alconbury, England, 1 Oct 1982

ASSIGNMENTS

497th Reconnaissance Technical Group

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

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