

## 668 ALTERATION AND INSTALLATION SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

6968 Engineering Installation Squadron designated and activated, 1 Apr 1986  
Redesignated 6968 Alteration and Installation Squadron, 1 Oct 1989  
Inactivated, 10 Jan 1995  
Redesignated 668 Logistics Squadron, 30 Sep 1997  
Activated, 1 Oct 1997  
Inactivated, 15 Mar 2002  
Redesignated 668 Alteration and Installation Squadron, 25 Jun 2009  
Activated, 15 Jul 2009

#### STATIONS

Kelly AFB, TX, 1 Apr 1986-10 Jan 1995  
Kelly AFB (later, Kelly Field Annex, Lackland AFB), TX, 1 Oct 1997-15 Mar 2002  
Lackland AFB, TX, 15 Jul 2009

#### ASSIGNMENTS

6960 Electronic Security Wing (later, Continental Electronic Security Division), 1 Apr 1986  
Electronic Security Command (later, Air Force Intelligence Command), 1 May 1988  
6960 Electronic Security Group, 1 Oct 1993-10 Jan 1995  
Air Intelligence Agency, 1 Oct 1997  
690 Information Operations Group, 14 Jan 2000-15 Mar 2002  
Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency, 15 Jul 2009  
543 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, 22 Jun 2011

## **COMMANDERS**

Cpt Michael A. Addison, Jr. Apr 1993–May 1995

Maj Elizabeth F. Sweeney, 1 Oct 1997

LTC Donna G. Schutzius, 8 Oct 1997

LTC Dexter R. Handy, 8 Aug 1999

LTC Edward C. Zick, 25 May 2001

LTC Timothy J. Karmondy, 15 Jul 2009

LTC Scott Mikos, 20 Jul 2009

Maj Daniel A. Cantu, 22 Jul 2011

LTC Hollister

LTC Peter Nazarechuk

LTC Martin P. Wiess

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 1993-30 Sep 1994

## **EMBLEM**



6968 Engineering Installation Squadron emblem: On a blue disc, a silver gray globe grid lined black thereon issuing from top a silver gray antenna between two yellow lightning flashes chevronwise in upper half and a pair of silver gray inverted dividers in lower half; all within a narrow yellow border. Attached below the disc a yellow scroll edged with a narrow yellow border. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and 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 globe signifies the worldwide mission of the 6968th Engineering Installation Squadron. The dividers reflect the engineering mission of the squadron. The antenna represents the installation work done by the engineering installation teams. The lightning bolts symbolize the Electronic Security Command (ESC) channels giving energy and life to the antenna installation.



668 LS emblem approved, 6 Aug 1987

668 ALIS emblem approved, 5 Jan 1999

#### **MOTTO**

6968 EIS Best of the Best

668 ALIS On the Road Again

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

The 6968 Alteration and Installation Squadron, formerly a part of the Engineering Installation Directorate, Air Force Cryptologic Support Center, Electronic Security Command, was activated April 1, 1986.

Headquartered at Kelly AFB the 6968th AIS provides electronic and civil engineering support to the Headquarters ESC staff and its worldwide field units. The unit develops electronic and civil engineering projects to improve ESC unit mission capabilities.

The approximately 145 people of the 6968th receive their mission tasking from the ESC plant

engineering division, and the ESC engineering programs division. The unit is administratively aligned under ESC deputy chief of staff of logistics and engineering.

Organized into three branches: engineering, installation and the MEAR Team, it deploys, controls and supports teams to implement projects at field locations. These projects routinely require extensive TDYs under demanding conditions.

The engineering branch augments the headquarters ESC staff in planning, coordinating and scheduling equipment installations, changes, removals, relocations, renovations and expansions. This group of dedicated civilians and military people produce the plans and drawings used by the unit's installation teams at field sites worldwide.

Teams from the installation branch travel to field units and relocate or install equipment racks, run the power and signal cables and get the equipment ready to support the mission. A typical installation team has six to 10 people of various specialties and spends about 24 to 32 weeks TOY each calendar year. The installation branch's material control section is responsible for ordering, storing and shipping all the necessary material required to support the deployed teams.

The primary mission of the MEAR Team is to deploy in support of ESC and other special activities to accomplish operational facility upgrades to the electrical, mechanical, alarm and structural systems. In addition, the team is the focal point for assisting headquarters engineers in developing projects, in-house planning for projects that do not require engineering support, and material acquisitions for all four teams and projects worldwide.

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Sources

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