

690 ELECTRONIC SECURITY WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

690 Electronic Security Wing

STATIONS

Tempelhof Central Airport, West Berlin, West Germany

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Ben C. Hardaway, Jr.

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 690th Electronic Security Wing is located in Berlin, a walled city 110 miles into the heart of East Germany.

The more than 600 people of the 690th ESW are an integral part of the U.S. worldwide communications network providing rapid radio relay; secure communications; and command, control and communications countermeasures for U.S. and allied forces. The wing also advises U.S. commanders on procedures and techniques to counter adversary command and control communications. Operations activities are located at three sites in Berlin and include working with the U.S. Army and the British Royal air force.

On 8 December 1987, Gen. Martin approved a reorganization that postured the Command consistent with USAF guidelines. Consolidating into four electronic security divisions: CESD-Continental, EESD-Europe, PESD-Pacific and SESD-Space in 1986, Electronic Security Command created operational wings under the divisions. The reorganization that created the 690th, 693rd, 694th and 695th Electronic Security Wings became effective 1 June 1988. Two centers and six operational Air Force-controlled wings refocused on planning and programming for mission needs of ESC's four divisions. The basic idea was for HQ ESC to function as a headquarters.

On 15 April, General Martin approved reorganization of HQ ESC and forwarded the accreditation package to the Air Staff for approval. The HQ USAF approved the overall command reorganization. The HQ USAF authority to constitute the 690 ESW, 693 ESW, and 694 ESW was dated on 21 June; and approval for the 695 ESW was dated 20 September. 1988

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