

693 INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

693 Electronic Security Wing established, 21 Jun 1988

Activated, 7 Jul 1988

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1991

Redesignated 693 Intelligence Wing and activated, 1 Oct 1991

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993

Redesignated 693 Intelligence Group, 21 Jun 2007

Activated, 12 Jul 2007

Redesignated 693 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, 1 Jan 2009

STATIONS

RAF Chicksands, England, 7 Jul 1988-1 Oct 1991

Kelly AFB, TX, 1 Oct 1991-1 Oct 1993

Ramstein AB, Germany, 12 Jul 2007

ASSIGNMENTS

European Electronic Security Division, 7 Jul 1988-1 Oct 1991

Air Force Intelligence Command, 1 Oct 1991-1 Oct 1993

70 Intelligence Wing, 12 Jul 2007

480 Intelligence (later, 480 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance) Wing, 23 Jul 2008

COMMANDERS

Col Pat O. Clifton, 7 Jul 1988

Col James H. Hilliard, 1 May 1991

Col James R. O'Brien, Jul 1993

Col Margaret J. Czapiewski, 12 Jul 2007

Col Eric J. Holdaway, 31 Jul 2009
Col Kurt H. Gaudette, 8 Jul 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1990-31 Dec 1991

1 Jun 2006-31 Dec 2007

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693d ELECTRONIC SECURITY WING

The new 693rd shield, an integral part of any organization, depicts the varied mission of the wing and its subordinate units. The deltoid-shaped objects represent the wing's involvement with and support of aerospace operations. The lightning-shaped sword represents the wing's support to electronic combat operations. The compass rose in the lower right is a traditional symbol for intelligence activities. The star and wings represent support of tactical air forces in Europe. At the center of the shield is ESC's symbolic knight. This depicts the wing's ties to ESC. The bars crossing the shield are red and white, which represent the same cross of St. George found on the British Union Jack — symbolize the geographic location of the wing's units. The primary color of the shield is blue and represents the constancy and loyalty with which the wing will support the

operational commanders.



Celeste, between the wings of a Pegasus affronté, wings displayed in base Sable, in chief a key bendwise sinister, wards to sinister chief Or, and a sword bendwise point to dexter chief in saltire, blade Silver Gray, hilt and handle of the third, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "693D ISR 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 black Pegasus represents might, sophistication and deception; born of pure intelligence and ridden by heroes that possess inspiration, vision and refinement. The sword represents the passion and zeal of the unit which provides both offensive and defensive intelligence operations. The key represents the Group's ability to unlock its adversary's secrets, while at the same time protecting its own. (Approved, 30 Aug 2007)

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OPERATIONS

On 1 April AF ISR Agency's 693 IG took control of the 24 IS with its reassignment from USAFE. 2008

The 693rd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group heritage begins with the activation of the 693rd Electronic Security Wing. Prior to the wing's activation, various Air Force intelligence units assigned in the European Theater, including the 497th Reconnaissance Technical Group performed mission functions that were subsequently assigned to the new wing organization. At various times, these organizations belonged to either United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE) or the forerunners of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance

Agency.

The 1988 Electronic Security Command reorganization resulted in the establishment of the 693rd Electronic Security Wing. The unit activated on 7 July 1988, and the Air Force based the wing at RAF Chicksands, England. The 693 ESW reported to the European Electronic Security Division. It directed all Electronic Security Command operations and activities within the United Kingdom. As such, the 693rd Electronic Security Wing supported HQ USAFE, the Third Air Force (USAFE), USNAVEUR, Strategic Air Command, Air Mobility Command, Air Force Space Command and other agencies as directed by the Commander, European Electronic Security Division (EESD). The wing also served as the 3rd Air Force focal point for Electronic Security Command operations, and it worked with other USAFE flying wings to develop a more robust intelligence capability. It directed the operations and resource management for all British-based ESC units, and provided guidance supporting ESC's three primary mission areas: signals intelligence, electronic combat, and security. Over time, the unit established a close working relationship with USAFE and Third Air Force by highlighting the intelligence products and services provided by the wing, implementing key procedures that enabled the timely processing and receipt of intelligence data, and supervising a standardized approach to communications-computer acquisition and repair. It directed overall operations and resource management guidance for ESC activities in the United Kingdom. When the Air Staff eliminated air divisions within the operational command structure, it impacted ESC organizational elements assigned to Europe. This action resulted in the restructure of the European Electronic Security Division. The division was re-designated as the 26th Intelligence Wing, and this alignment prompted the inactivation of the 693rd Electronic Security Wing.

On 1 October 1991, the 693rd Electronic Security Wing was re-designated as the 693rd Intelligence Wing. The Air Force Intelligence Command activated the wing as a subordinate unit at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. The 693 IW provided command and control for AFIC units in the continental United States and Panama, primarily to support low intensity conflict efforts, counternarcotics actions and special operations missions. The wing provided intelligence support to the National Command Authorities and initiated action to integrate airborne and ground intelligence support for the Joint Force Air Component Commander. It also provided administrative support to HQ AFIC and the collocated AFIC units in the San Antonio metropolitan area. Two years later, the Air Force inactivated the 693rd Intelligence Wing. Re-designated the 693rd Intelligence Group on 21 June 2007, Air Staff activated the unit on 12 July 2007 as part of the 70th Intelligence Wing. On 23 July 2008, operational control of the 693rd Intelligence Group transferred to the 480th Intelligence Wing as part of the re-alignment supporting the DCGS weapons system initiative. On 1 January 2009, the 693rd Intelligence Group was re-designated as the 693rd Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group. The group currently operates and maintains Distributed Ground System-4 of the Air Force DCGS and supports Air Force, Joint and National Security

In concert with the reorganization of the Electronic Security Command in 1988, the 693rd Electronic Security Wing was activated July 7, 1988 at RAF Chicksands, England.

One of six Air Force controlled wings in ESC, the 693rd serves as the command focal point for all ESC personnel and units in the United Kingdom, comprising approximately 1,200 people. It directs the operations and resource management for all units and provides direction for ESC's mission of electronic combat and security.

The wing also serves as the liaison with the 3rd Air Force command staff and operational units. The wing exercises command over units with diverse missions. The units include the 6950th Electronic Security Group, RAF Chicksands; the 6952nd Electronic Security Squadron, RAF Alconbury; the 6988th ESS, RAF Mildenhall and detachments and operating locations located throughout the United Kingdom.

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

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.

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