

1371 MAPPING AND CHARTING SQUADRON



MISSION

1371 Mapping and Charting Squadron mission was visual aerial mapping photography, aerial electronic, survey, and electronic photography with RB-50 aircraft.

Squadron strength of 97 officers and 89 airmen, almost all of them are flying personnel. The 20 aircrews are divided into four flights.

LINEAGE

1371 Mapping and Charting Squadron

STATIONS

Palm Beach AFB, FL
Turner AFB, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

1370 Photo-Mapping Wing

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Walter W. Thompson

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Jun 1953-Aug 1956

1 Sep 1956-1 Jul 1959

1 Jul 1964-30 Jun 1966

EMBLEM

Includes the eagle representing aerial flight, dividers and square for precision mapping; camera for photography; and the lightning for electronic surveying

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The aerial photo-mapping mission was transferred from SAC to the MATS and APCS in June 1954. The 338 SRS transferred its personnel and all RB-50F aircraft to the newly-formed 1370th Photo Mapping Group at Palm Beach AFB, FL. They (along with the RB-50Es) were assigned to the 1371 Mapping and Charting Squadron. All armament and RURALIST equipment was removed, and since armament was no longer carried, SHORAN/HIRAN gear was permanently installed. Weather reconnaissance gear was also retained.

USAF Unit Histories

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Sources

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