

26 INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

26 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron constituted, 5 Feb 1943
Redesignated 26 Photographic Squadron (Light), 6 Feb 1943
Activated, 9 Feb 1943
Redesignated 26 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 11 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 20 Feb 1946
Redesignated 26 Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Photographic RCM, 3 Jul 1947
Activated in the reserve, 1 Aug 1947
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 26 Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, 14 Jan 1955
Activated, 24 Jan 1955
Redesignated 681 Bombardment Squadron, Medium, 25 Oct 1961
Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Jun 1962
Redesignated 26 Intelligence Squadron, 9 Apr 1993
Activated, 15 Apr 1993
Inactivated, 5 Sep 1996
Redesignated 26 Air and Space Intelligence Squadron, 16 May 2003
Activated, 29 May 2003
Inactivated, 6 Oct 2006
Redesignated 26 Intelligence Squadron, 28 Jun 2022
Activated, 30 Aug 2022

STATIONS

Colorado Springs, CO, 9 Feb-22 Oct 1943

Sydney, Australia, 19 Nov 1943

Brisbane, Australia, 25 Nov 1943

Dobodura, New Guinea, 26 Jan 1944 (detachment at Port Moresby, New Guinea, Feb-Mar 1944) Finschhafen, New Guinea, 19 Feb 1944

Nadelon at Hollandia, New Guinea, after 25 Jun 1944

Hollandia, New Guinea, 23 Jul 1944

Biak, 5 Aug 1944

Lingayen, Luzon, 16 Jan 1945 (air echelon at Clark Field, Luzon, 22 Jul-Sep 1945)

Okinawa, 6 Aug 1945

Kimpo, Korea, Oct 1945-20 Feb 1946

Hamilton Field, CA 1 Aug 1947-27 Jun 1949

Little Rock AFB, AR 24 Jan 1955-25 Jun 1962

Eglin AFB, FL, 15 Apr 1993-5 Sep 1996

Hickam AFB, HI, 29 May 2003-6 Oct 2006

Buckley SFB, CO, 30 Aug 2022

ASSIGNMENTS

6 Photographic (later Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping; Photographic Reconnaissance; Photographic; Reconnaissance) Group, 9 Feb 1943

308 Bombardment Wing, 21 Nov 1945-20 Feb 1946

70 Reconnaissance Group, 1 Aug 1947-27 Jun 1949

70 Strategic Reconnaissance (later Bombardment) Wing, 24 Jan 1955-25 Jun 1962

68 Electronic Combat Group, 15 Apr 1993-5 Sep 1996

502 Air Operations Group, 29 May 2003-6 Oct 2006

544 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, 30 Aug 2022

ATTACHMENTS

308 Bombardment Wing after 22 Oct 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-4, 1943

F-5, 1944-1946

RB-47, 1955-1961

B-47, 1961-1962

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Defensive

New China Guinea
Bismarck Archipelago
Western Pacific
Leyte
Luzon
China Offensive
Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Philippine Islands, Sep 1944
Philippine Islands, 22 Mar 1945

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
15 Feb-30 Dec 1957
1 Jul 2002-31 Aug 2004
1 Jun 2005-5 Oct 2006

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
[15 Apr 1993]- 31 Dec 1993

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

EMBLEM

Approved, 4 Aug 1995

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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26 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron emblem



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