

38 INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

38 Intelligence Squadron

STATIONS

Beale AFB, CA

ASSIGNMENTS

755 Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Roberto Garcia, 15 Sep 2013

Lt Col Brian K. Gutherie, 1 Oct 2020

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, issuing from base a demi-sphere of the first gridlined and edged Argent, overall a raven volant affronté Sable, garnished Argent (Smoke), grasping in its talons a key palewise, wards downwards Or, in chief, within an annulet of the second, radiating four lightning bolts of the fifth, a mullet of the second, charged with a torteau, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "38TH INTELLIGENCE SQ" in Yellow letters. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "SUBSISTO ACER" in Yellow 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 raven represents knowledge, thought and memory. The skeleton key embodies the unit's ability to unlock the enemy's secrets while protecting its own. The Air Force roundel is a reminder of the unit's heritage as a WWII unit. The stylized 20th century radio lightning bolts exemplify the focus on communications and work in the electro-magnet spectrum. The globe refers to the Squadron's world-wide mission. The Latin motto translates to "Stay Sharp" in English.

The 38th Intelligence Squadron emblem was approved 10 November 2014. It features a raven grasping a key in its talons. In the background is a globe and an historic Air Force roundel with lightning bolts emitting from it. The raven symbolized the 38's keen insight to collect, store and disseminate valuable information. The skeleton key in its talons pointed to the unit's ability to unlock the enemy's secrets while protecting its own and the Air Force roundel was a reminder of the unit's heritage as a WWII unit. The lightning bolts symbolize the focus on communications and effort working in the electro-magnet spectrum and the globe referred to the Squadron's world-wide mission. At the top, the squadron's motto, "Stay Sharp," was displayed in Latin.

10 Nov 2014

The 38 Intelligence Squadron emblem consists of three distinctive groups of elements, each symbolizing a unique aspect of the squadron. The emblem consists of a black raven holding a skeleton key, Air Force yellow lightning bolts emitting from a roundel and a white wire frame globe emblazoned upon an Air Force blue background. **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 raven represents knowledge, thought and memory. The raven utilizes its keen insight to collect, store and disseminate valuable information. The skeleton key embodies the unit's ability to unlock the enemy's secrets while protecting its own. The Air Force roundel is a reminder of our heritage as a WWII unit. The stylized 20th Century 'radio' lightning bolts exemplify our focus on communication and work in the electro-magnetic spectrum. The globe refers to the worldwide mission of the Squadron.

MOTTO

SUBSISTO ACER--Stay Sharp

OPERATIONS

The 38th Intelligence Squadron was constituted and activated 26 October 2013 at Beale AFB, California and was assigned to the 755 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group. The 38 IS maintained an active duty partnership with the 13 IS which was a subordinate organization of the 480 ISRW at JB Langley-Eustis, Virginia.

They remained under the command of Lt Col Brian Guthrie and in a successful partnership with their Classic Association Unit (CAU) the 13th Intelligence Squadron

The 38 IS Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) flight conducted Annual Tour (AT) during which they focused on gaining a better understanding of the 13 IS AET, their targets, and the advanced systems currently used for analysis. The culmination of the two-day tour was a one-hour team presentation by the commander and senior enlisted advisor to representatives from the CAU and the 548th ISRG. This serves as an example of the 38 IS' continual search for more and better ways to support their CAU and expand their penetration within the active duty units they support so as missions shift and change across the 480 ISRW enterprise, the 38 IS remains at the forefront of change. Two assigned analysts began the Baseline Analytical Training course to further develop in-house training capability. Gaining this capability gave the 13 IS a potential expanded instructor cadre to draw from and epitomized the 38 IS' customer-focused support of their active duty partner.

The 38 IS provided both the 9 IS and the 13 IS with Analysis and Exploitation Team (AET) baseline trainers to supplement gaps in their in-house capabilities. This was of critical importance because, particularly for the 9 IS, because this was a critical element of the shift from full motion video (FMV) toward focused, target centric problems. The 38 IS trainers were able to close out the final Baseline Analyst Training (BAT) course and helped transition the Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS) Formal Training Unit (FTU) to the 313th Training Squadron (TRS) at Goodfellow AFB, Texas. The course that was taught by the 13 IS and 38 IS members served as the new foundation for all Distributed Ground System (DGS) bound analysts.

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