

6940 ELECTRONIC SECURITY WING



MISSION

With a widely varied mission, the 6940 ESW employs more than 2,000 officers and airmen within its subordinate units at Fort Meade. As the largest wing in ESC, the 6940th provides operational, technical, administrative, and resource management to include representational support to CESD and ESC commanders and other government elements in the Washington, D.C. area.

Responsible for an integral part of the U.S. worldwide communications network, the unit provides rapid radio relay, secure communications and command, control and communications countermeasures (C3CM) support to the United States and allied forces.

Unit members develop and apply techniques and materials designed to ensure that friendly command and control communications are secure and protected from enemy countermeasures. The unit also advises U.S. and allied commanders concerning procedures and techniques which could be used to counter enemy command and control communications. Additional functions include research into electronic phenomena.

LINEAGE

6940 Electronic Security Wing activated, 1 Feb 1980
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1991

STATIONS

Fort George C Meade, MD, 1 Feb 1980-1 Oct 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

Electronic Security Command, 1 Feb 1980

Continental Electronic Security Division, 15 Jun 1988-1 Oct 1991

COMMANDERS

Col. Jim L. Bowers

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Feb 1980-30 Jun 1981

EMBLEM

Azure, a sword bend sinisterwise with blade in the form of a lightning bolt argent garnished sable hilt gules, guard and pommel or surmounted by an inescutcheon gray bearing a representation of the United States Capitol Dome of the second garnished of the third within a bordure sable to dexter and of the second to chief and to sinister, the inescutcheon debruised by the lightning in sinister chief, all within a diminished bordure of the fifth. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue represents the theater of operations in which the USAF operates. Yellow represents the excellence of all Wing personnel. Black and White represent the day and night capabilities of the Wing. Silver represents the value of the Wing to the defense of the free world. Red represents the determination of Wing personnel in the accomplishment of its mission. The Shield represents the defense capabilities of the unit. The Capitol Dome represents the defense of the United States and the Sword represents the unit's ever alertness against enemy aggression. (Approved, 4 Dec 1980)

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NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

HQ 6950 ESW Squadron Section A at Ft. Meade, Maryland

HQ 6950 ESW Squadron Section B at Ft. Meade, Maryland

6940 ESW, OL-QB at MacDill AFB, Florida

6940 ESW, OL-FP at Scott AFB, Illinois

6940 ESW, OL-FN at Peterson AFB, Colorado

6940 ESW, OL-FK at Ft. Meade, Maryland

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