

6975 ELECTRONIC SECURITY SQUADRON (PROVISIONAL)



MISSION

LINEAGE

6975 Electronic Security Squadron (Provisional)
Established, 10 Nov 1990

STATIONS

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

ASSIGNMENTS

Electronic Security Combat Operations Staff Director

COMMANDERS

Col William H. Buchholtz

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

While Electronic Security Command was working out a plan for scaled-back post-Cold War operations, an Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990 created an operational urgency for ESC SIGINT direct support in Southwest Asia. Having rushed resources from several subordinate units to Saudi Arabia, ESC sent Col. William C. Bender to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on 11 August to serve as the command's first Task Force Director for Desert Shield. Later on 10 November, ESC activated the 6975th Electronic Security Squadron (Provisional) at Riyadh to support Desert Shield operations.

At the end of the Persian Gulf War (Desert Storm), the 6975th ESS (P) remained in country, supporting RC-135 Rivet Joint operations from Prince Sultan Air Base.

Two decades later, Air Force cryptologists continue supporting Air Force Central Command operations in Southwest Asia, assigned on temporary duty to an Air Force CENTCOM squadron that has changed designators over time.

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