

324 INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



MISSION

The 324 Intelligence Squadron supports and performs the mission of the Kunia Regional Signals Intelligence Operations Center (KRSOC). The KRSOC mission provides intelligence information in response to national, theater, and tactical mission requirements. Processes and provides time-critical intelligence for the U.S. Commander in Chief, Pacific, and all subordinate units throughout the theater, as well as national command authorities. Provides sensitive advisory support communications to operationally-tasked US aircraft.

LINEAGE

1 Photographic Lab Section, 9 Oct 1943

Activated, 20 Oct 1943

Redesignated 1 Photographic Technical Unit, 13 Oct 1944

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1945

90 Reconnaissance Technical Squadron constituted, 4 Jun 1952

Activated, 16 Jun 1952

Inactivated, 16 Oct 1952

815 Reconnaissance Technical Squadron constituted, 28 Aug 1952

Activated, 16 Oct 1952

Inactivated, 11 Jul 1958

1 Photographic Technical Unit, 90 Reconnaissance Technical Squadron and 815

Reconnaissance Technical Squadron consolidated and redesignated 24 Reconnaissance

Technical Squadron, 16 Oct 1984

6924 Electronic Security Squadron designated and activated, 1 Aug 1980

Redesignated 6924 Electronic Security Group, 1 Aug 1986

24 Reconnaissance Technical Squadron and 6924 Electronic Security Group consolidated and redesignated 324 Intelligence Squadron, 1 Oct 1993

STATIONS

Will Rogers Field, OK, 20 Oct 1943-12 Feb 1944

Liverpool, England, 6 Mar 1944

Chalgrove, England, 6 Apr 1944

Chantilly, France, Nov 1944

Conflans, France, Dec 1944

Luxembourg, 30 Mar 1945

Cham, Germany, Apr 1945

Furth, Germany, May-30 Sep 1945

Forbes AFB, KS, 16 Oct 1952-11 Jul 1958

Wheeler AFB (later, Wheeler Admin Annex), HI, 1 Aug 1980

Hickam AFB, HI, 1995

ASSIGNMENTS

8 Photographic Reconnaissance Group, 20 Oct 1943

III Reconnaissance Command, 15 Jan 1944

Ninth Air Force, 6 Mar 1944

Eighth Air Force, 14 Mar 1944

Ninth Air Force, 26 May 1944

XIX Tactical Air Command, 5 Nov 1944

10 Reconnaissance Group, 4 Jul-30 Sep 1945

90 Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 16 Jun 1952-16 Oct 1952

815 Air Base Group, 16 Oct 1952-11 Jul 1958

Electronic Security, Pacific (later, Pacific Electronic Security Division; 692 Intelligence Wing; 692 Intelligence Group; 692 Information Operations Group; 692 Intelligence Group), 1 Aug 1980

COMMANDERS

Unknown, 20 Oct 1943-30 Sep 1945

Lt Col John J. Lynch, 16 Jun 1952

Maj Melvin T. Winfield, 30 Sep 1952

Maj Melvin T. Winfield, 16 Oct 1952-11 Jul 1958

Lt Col William K. Lyon, 1 Aug 1980

Lt Col Michael S. Cassidy, 8 Aug 1982

Lt Col Thomas G. Newell, 17 Jul 1984

Lt Col Charles Cheek, 1 Aug 1986

Maj Brenson Evans, 31 Mar 1988
Unknown
Lt Col Lawrence L. Strang, Jul 1991
Maj John G. Sobota, Jr., 1 Jul 1993
Lt Col Carla D. Bass, 12 Jul 1994
Lt Col Brian E. Powers, 9 Jul 1996
Lt Col Kenneth A. William, 17 Jul 1998
Lt Col Evelyn A. Rockwell, 14 Jul 2000
Lt Col Brian A. Storck, 31 Jul 2002
Lt Col Eric J. Holdaway, 31 Jul 2003
Lt Col Jennifer L. Rooke, 5 Jul 2005
Lt Col Charles E. Hogan, 5 Jun 2007
Lt Col Brian C. Kravitz, 9 Jun 2009
Lt Col Kristofer W. Gifford, 23 Jun 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Rhineland
Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Joint Meritorious Unit Award
1 Jul 2003–30 Sep 2006

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device
1 Jun 2002–31 May 2003

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1981–30 Jun 1983
1 Jul–4 Dec 1991
1 Oct 1993–30 Sep 1994
1 Oct 1994–30 Sep 1995
1 Oct 1997–30 Sep 1998
1 Oct 1999–30 Sep 2000
1 Jun 2001–31 May 2002
1 Jun 2003–30 Sep 2004
1 Oct 2004–31 May 2005

EMBLEM



6924 Electronic Security Group emblem

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 ellipse is symbolic of an antenna array, a vital ingredient in accomplishing the Group's mission. It is black and white to denote around the clock operations. The relay satellite indicated the Group's worldwide mission responsibility and heavy reliance on long-haul communications. The palm tree refers to the unit's location on the island of Oahu, Hawaii.

The tiger, a device from the unit's original emblem, was submitted by Brigadier General Ardisana, one of the unit's first commanders and later Vice Commander of the USAF Security Service, the predecessor of the Electronic Security Command. The tiger, in the words of the late Brigadier General Ardisana, "reigns supreme at the peak of alertness, ever watchful for any threat and keen to reach in thwarting the threat."

The black knight suggests classic deception as embodied in the Trojan horse. The knight is a powerful chess piece; he strikes from unexpected quarter, and is the only piece able to strike while obstructed. He employs elegant rather than brute force. In chess, black moves second, therefore black's tactics are countermoves. These attributes combine to symbolize the unit's countermeasure and the move/countermove nature of electronic warfare. The chess piece also alludes to the group's parent unit—the Electronic Security Command. The rough surface behind the knight signifies that the mission is conducted in a less than perfect world. (Approved, 16 Aug 1967)



324th Intelligence Squadron emblem: azure, a lightning flash bendwise sinister Gules, debruised by a tiger issuant from base statant affronte over a mound and regardant Or, garnished Gold Brown; all within a diminished bordure of the third and a diminished outer bordure of the second. Attached above the disc a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Red border. Attached below the disc a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "VIGILANCE IN ACTION" in Blue letters. **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 lightning flash represents communications and symbolizes the unit's supply of information to the command. The tiger reflects the spirit of the squadron personnel to be vigilant and active to any threat and alert and forceful in thwarting the threat. (Approved, 1 Mar 1995)

NOTE: This emblem is based on an emblem used by the 6924 Security Squadron. There is no lineal relationship between the 6924 Security Squadron and the 324 Intelligence Squadron. However, the AFHRA mistakenly approved the 6924 Security Squadron emblem for use by the 324 Intelligence Squadron. Despite the mistake, the AFHRA allowed the 324 Intelligence Squadron to continue using the emblem.

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VIGILANCE IN ACTION

OPERATIONS

The 6924th's primary mission is to provide command, control and communications countermeasures support to national command authorities and Pacific-region commanders. Administrative support for the 6924th comes from the 15th Air Base Wing, Hickam, and the 15th Air Base Squadron, Wheeler. Logistical support is provided by the Army at Field Station Kunia.

The 6924th ESG's command section and dormitories are located on Wheeler, while the group's support and operations sections are located within Field Station Kunia, just one mile from Wheeler's back gate. Field Station Kunia is a tri-service facility hosted by the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command.

The Kunia facility, known as "the tunnel", was originally constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers in 1944 as an underground aircraft assembly plant. Once assembled, the planes with their wings folded, were rolled down the tunnel to an assembly point just outside the building. After a final check, aircraft were flown from a temporary runway to either Wheeler or Hickam for assignment. After World War II ended, the facility was given to the newly formed Air Force during 1947 as a reserve facility. During the Korean conflict of 1953, the Air Force gave the facility to the Navy for use as a storage facility for ammunition and torpedoes. Then in the late 1950s, the Navy converted the facility into a fleet operations center and Pacific Command Center. After the centers were relocated in 1976 to Pearl Harbor, the facility was put under General Services Administration control until 1980, when it was reactivated to house the Army Field Station Kunia, the Naval Security Group Kunia and the 6924th.

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Sources

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