

361 INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE GROUP



MISSION

361 Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group is the premier provider of specialized ISR capabilities to the Air Force Special Operation Forces (SOF). The group and its two assigned squadrons, the 19 Intelligence Squadron and 25 Intelligence Squadron, train, equip and present more than 250 Airmen to provide specialized ISR special operation forces for worldwide employment.

LINEAGE

11 Photographic Group (Mapping) constituted, 19 Nov 1943

Activated, 1 Dec 1943

Disbanded, 5 Oct 1944

Reestablished and redesignated 361 Tactical Intelligence Group, 31 Jul 1985

Redesignated 361 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, 10 Oct 2008

Activated, 29 Oct 2008

STATIONS

Reading AAFld, PA, 1 Dec 1943

MacDill Field, FL, Jan-5 Oct 1944

Hurlburt Fld, FL, 29 Oct 2008

ASSIGNMENTS

Army Air Forces, 1 Dec 1943

311 Photographic Wing, Mapping and Charting, 5 Mar-5 Oct 1944

Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency, 29 Oct 2008

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17

B-24
B-25
B-29
F-2
F-9
F-10
A-20

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Thomas D Brown, 8 Jan-5 Oct 1944
Col Matthew Atkins

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Meritorious Unit Award
1 Jan 2010-31 Dec 2010

EMBLEM

Sable, a stylized knight chess piece facing dexter Gules, bearing a winged dagger Proper, point to base surmounted by a plate bearing a hurt and mullet of five charged with a torteau, all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "361ST ISR GROUP" in Blue 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 blue disc, star and dagger represent the airborne heritage of Air Force Special Operations. The chess knight conveys the ability to strike from an unexpected quadrant while obstructed and embodies the unit's ability to excel in crowded and often obstructed battlefields.

None

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Engaged in photographic mapping in the US and sent detachments to carry out similar operations in Africa, the CBI theater, the Near and Middle East, Mexico, Canada, Alaska, and the Caribbean.

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