

426 NETWORK WARFARE SQUADRON



MISSION

426 Intelligence Squadron conducts information operations by providing tailored, multi-disciplined intelligence products to U.S. and allied warfighters. Evaluates and disseminates information on foreign weapons and technology. Analyzes adversary weapons and tactics. Provides cryptologic support, communications/computer security services and aircrew electronic combat training.

LINEAGE

26 Airdrome Squadron constituted, 25 Jan 1943
Activated, 1 Feb 1943
Redesignated 26 Airdrome Squadron (Special), 16 Apr 1943
Disbanded, 1 Apr 1944
Reconstituted, 11 Sep 1946
Activated, 15 Oct 1946
Inactivated, 28 Jul 1948
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948
Reconstituted, redesignated 26 Operations Support Flight and activated, 1 Oct 1993
Redesignated 426 Intelligence Squadron, 31 Dec 1995
Redesignated 426 Information Operations Squadron, 1 Aug 2000
Redesignated 426 Network Warfare Squadron, 5 Jul 2008

STATIONS

Kearney AAB, NE, 1 Feb 1943-1 Apr 1944
Beane Fld (later, AFB) St Lucia, British West Indies, 15 Oct 1946-28 Jul 1948
Vogelweh, Germany, 1 Oct 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force on 1 Feb 1943

24 Composite Wing 15 Oct 1946-28 Jul 1948

26 Intelligence (later, 26 Information Operation, 26 Network Warfare) Group 1 Oct 1993

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat V Device

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2003

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1993-30 Sep 1994

1 Oct 1994-30 Sep 1995

1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2000

1 Jun 2001-31 May 2002

1 Jun 2003-31 May 2005

1 Jun 2005-31 May 2007

EMBLEM

Azure gridlined as a globe throughout Sable, a key bendwise ward to base and dexter Or, surmounted by a sword bendwise sinister point to base Argent grip Gules, overall a chess knight Black fimbriated white; all within a diminished bordure Black. Attached above the disc a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border. Attached below the disc a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE" in Yellow 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 unit provides to the Air Force mission of Global Reach/Global Power. and sword symbolize the unit's ability to unlock the protagonists' secrets and provide today's warrior with intelligence in his efforts to defend against brute force. The chess piece represents the squadron's skill in using intelligence in a variety of ways. (Approved, 22 Aug 1996)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The squadron falls under the 960th Cyberspace Operations Group at JBSA-Lackland, Texas, includes more than 60 Reservists tasked with protecting USAF's network infrastructure from cyber attack, according to a March 20 release. "We're growing in leaps [and] bounds from where we were last year. [We went] from two detachments to a squadron," said Col. Lloyd Terry, 960th CYOG commander. "We started out small and now jsut a year later, we have grown the unit to close to 60 and we're continuing to expand that growth." The ceremony took place March 8 at JBSA-Lackland. 2014

USAF Unit Histories

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Sources

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