

25th INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



LINEAGE

Constituted 6 Photo Laboratory Section on 15 Jan 1944

Activated on 28 Jan 1944

Redesignated 6 Photographical Technical Unit on 30 Nov 1944

Redesignated 55 Reconnaissance Technical Squadron on 4 Mar 1949

Inactivated on 14 Oct 1949

Activated on 1 Nov 1950

Inactivated on 16 Jun 1952

Redesignated 25 Reconnaissance Technical Squadron on 16 Oct 1984

Redesignated 25 Intelligence Squadron, and activated, on 1 Oct 1993

Redesignated: 25 Information Operations Squadron on 1 Aug 2000

Redesignated 25 Intelligence Squadron on 1 Apr 2007

STATIONS

Campbell AAF, KY, 28 Jan 1944

DeRidder AAB, LA, 19 Apr 1944
Stuttgart AAB, AR, 5 Feb 1945
Brooks Fld, TX, 7 Dec 1945
MacDill Fld, FL, 22 Mar 1946
Wright Fld (later, Wright-Patterson AFB), OH, 22 Sep 1947
Topeka (later, Forbes) AFB, KS, 16 Nov 1948-14 Oct 1949
Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, 1 Nov 1950-16 Jun 1952
Eglin AF Aux Fld #9 (Hurlburt Fld), FL, 1 Oct 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

74 Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 28 Jan 1944
3 Air Force, 8 Nov 1945
311 Reconnaissance Wing (later, 311 Air Division), 15 Apr 1947
55 Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 4 Mar-14 Oct 1949
55 Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Medium, 1 Nov 1950-16 Jun 1952
67 Intelligence (later, 67 Information Operations) Group, 1 Oct 1993
55 Operations Group, 5 Jul 2006
Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency, 5 May 2008
361 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, 29 Oct 2008

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device
17 Jan-1 May 2003

Meritorious Unit Awards

1 Jun 2006-31 May 2007

1 Jun 2007-31 May 2008

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1993-30 Sep 1994

1 Oct 1994-30 Sep 1995

1 Oct 1995-30 Sep 1996

1 Oct 1996-30 Sep 1997

1 Oct 1997-30 Sep 1998

1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2000
1 Jun 2001-31 May 2002
1 Jun 2003-31 May 2005

EMBLEM

Approved on 20 Jan 1998

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

25th Intelligence Squadron Conducts special intelligence operations for AFSOC and subordinate units.

Integrates all-source intelligence, electronic combat, and securities for Special Operations Forces mission planning, rehearsal and execution.

As one of Air Force's first "information warfare squadrons", the 25th provides services relating to each subset of information warfare—attack, exploit and protect — applied by AFSOC in its worldwide missions. Deploys and maintains programs to support worldwide SOF contingency operations.

Trains and deploys aircrew members to provide tactical support onboard all AFSOC aircraft.

Finally, in late January, COMACC approved the transfer of the 25th Intelligence Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Florida, from the 55th Wing to AF ISR Agency. 2008

On 5 May, the AF ISR Agency gained another unit with the reassignment of Air Combat Command's 25 IS, Hurlburt Field, Fla. 2008

Det 1, Cannon AFB, NM
Det 2, Mildenhall, England
Det 3, Kadena AB, Japan

(AFNS) -- Four Air Force special operators were killed Feb. 18 when their single-engine U-28 aircraft crashed in Djibouti on the Horn of Africa, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said Feb. 21. "This is obviously a tragic incident," Little said about the accident, which occurred at the Djibouti-Ambouli International Airport in Djibouti City. Camp Lemonnier, located nearby, is the main base of operations for U.S. Africa Command in the Horn of Africa. The Airmen were conducting a surveillance and reconnaissance mission, Little said. "There is absolutely no indication of any kind of enemy involvement in the downing of the plane," he added. Little said the Air Force mission was in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, which includes operations

in Afghanistan, the Philippines, the Horn of Africa and elsewhere. The special operators, all from Hurlburt Field, Fla., were:

- Capt. Ryan P. Hall, 30, of Colorado Springs, Colo., assigned to the 319th Special Operations Squadron.

- Capt. Nicholas S. Whitlock, 29, of Newnan, Ga., and 1st Lt. Justin J. Wilkens, 26, of Bend, Ore., both assigned to the 34th Special Operations Squadron.- Senior Airman Julian S. Scholten, 26, of Upper Marlboro, Md., assigned to the 25th Intelligence Squadron. Little said a dignified transfer ceremony took place at the Dover Air Force Base military mortuary in Delaware early this morning "for our returning fallen heroes who were involved in this crash." A safety board investigation has been initiated to determine the cause of the incident, according to a statement on the Africa Command website. The accident occurred at about 8 p.m. local time, the statement said, and U.S. military personnel were dispatched to the scene. "We need to understand precisely what happened in this tragic incident," Little said. 2012

Airmen Die in U-28 Mishap: Four airmen assigned to Hurlburt Field, Fla., died in an accident involving their U-28 intelligence-surveillance-reconnaissance aircraft near Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, Africa, announced the Defense Department on Monday. They are: Capt. Ryan P. Hall, 30, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Capt. Nicholas S. Whitlock, 29, of Newnan, Ga.; 1st Lt. Justin J. Wilkens, 26, of Bend, Ore.; and SrA. Julian S. Scholten, 26, of Upper Marlboro, Md. Hall, a U-28 pilot, was assigned to the 319th Special Operations Squadron. Whitlock, also a U-28 pilot, and Wilkens, a combat systems officer, were members of the 34th SOS. Scholten, a mission systems operator, served with the 25th Intelligence Squadron. The airmen died on Feb. 18 while returning from a mission supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. The cause of the accident is under investigation. No other personnel were on board the aircraft. "The Hurlburt Field community expresses our deepest condolences to the family of the crew, and we share in their sorrow," said Col. Jim Slife, commander of Hurlburt's 1st Special Operations Wing, in a release. He added, "We will never forget the valuable contributions these brave men made to their country and community." 2012

Staff Sergeant Shane Kimmett, a Direct Support Operator assigned to AIA's 25 IOS at Hurlburt Field, FL, died on 7 August, along with nine other aircrew in the crash of an MC- 130H Combat Talon. The aircraft crashed 20 miles south of San Juan while on a training flight from NAS Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, to the west coast of Puerto Rico. 2002





The 25th Information Operations Squadron (IOS) is based at Hurlburt Field, Florida and is commanded by Lt. Col. Steven A. Ranalli. The squadron has an authorized strength of 100 airborne, ground, and support personnel assigned to the unit headquarters at Hurlburt Field, as well as at two geographically-separated detachments overseas. It is administratively subordinate to the 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, and under the operational control of the 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, FL.

The 25th IOS is a selectively-manned and uniquely tasked unit, chartered to provide specialized intelligence and robust information operations capability across the spectrum of conflict. As the Air Combat Command's (ACC) only dedicated Special Mission Unit (SMU), 25th IOS personnel are qualified to operate as aircrew on board every combat aircraft within the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) inventory. By integrating all-source intelligence and electronic combat capability for special operations forces (SOF), the 25th IOS has made Air Intelligence Agency (AIA) and Air Combat Command (ACC) resources integral to SOF mission planning, rehearsal and execution--truly highlighting AFSOC's motto: "One Team, One Fight." The 25th IOS is traditionally referred to as "the Air Force's first Information Warfare Squadron," since from its origin and periodically through its history it has provided the information warfare capability to gain, exploit, defend, and attack to AFSOC missions worldwide.

The 25th Information Operations Squadron originated as an amalgamation of multiple AIA

activities and can trace its origin to events that occurred during Operation JUST CAUSE in 1989. It was ultimately established as a unit in response to AFSOC requirements emerging from Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. The AIA-AFSOC relationship began shortly after Operation DESERT STORM ended, when the Air Force Intelligence Command (AFIC) established a Liaison Office at HQ AFSOC. Shortly after, the 693rd Intelligence Wing established Detachment 7 to provide Direct Support Operator (DSO--pronounced "dizzo") support to AFSOC operations. As a result of Air Force reorganization, AFIC became AIA on 1 October 1993. On that same date, OL-MH and Detachment 7 joined to form the 25th Intelligence Squadron. On 1 October 2000, it changed its name to the 25th Information Operations Squadron.

The 25th IOS DSOs fly on all AFSOC platforms from three geographically-separate locations providing real-time threat warning and enhanced situational awareness to AFSOC aircrews. The majority of 25 IOS personnel are dedicated to executing this program, known as SILENT SHIELD. Analysts are fundamental to the mission planning process, providing key information on the area into which the DSO will fly. Other personnel concentrate on maintaining the unit's standing with AFSOC flying regulations for training and proficiency, standardization and evaluation, flight scheduling, mobility and similar areas. Flying as AFSOC aircrew members during training, exercises, and real-world contingencies, DSOs exploit information to keep AFSOC aircrews inside the enemy decision loop. Since their initial flights during Operation DESERT STORM, 25th IOS DSOs have logged combat hours with AFSOC in virtually every major military operation globally.

None of these activities can take place without truly world class support. Personnel assigned to the Logistics Support Flight perform the "behind the scenes" heavy-lifting required to enable other 25th IOS personnel to provide the outstanding support AFSOC has become accustomed to by ensuring SILENT SHIELD mission equipment is properly configured, loaded on AFSOC aircraft, maintained and repaired. The Logistics Support flight also directly supports all squadron communications equipment and accounts.

The squadron hosts a small Commander's Support Staff which ensures unit administrative requirements are met. Finally, the squadron has a dedicated Security Officer who ensures compliance with all ACC/AIA, and Intelligence Community security requirements. He also manages program security for the SILENT SHIELD mission and AFSOC-unique security requirements for the 25th IOS globally.

The 25th IOS personnel are also directly attached to Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command. These individuals function as a MAJCOM support section to provide DSO aircrew standardization and evaluation support, and oversight of AFSOC-unique programmatic aspects of the SILENT SHIELD mission. These include support to the mission equipment acquisition process, Major Force Program Eleven (Special Operations) budgeting issues, quality improvement efforts, and future plans. These individuals also often provide specialized intelligence expertise to the headquarters intelligence directorate.

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