

# 101<sup>st</sup> INFORMATION WARFARE FLIGHT



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

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## STATIONS

Salt Lake City, UT

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

## Decorations

## EMBLEM

On a disc Sable, a cluster of three pole stars in dexter chief Or, next to a larger pole star in chief Argent, all over a wizard Proper, hooded and robed Azure, gazing down and over a

terrestrial globe in base Proper, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached above the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE" in Blue letters. Attached below the disc, a Black scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "101ST IWF" 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 magician represents the guarding of the globe from dark forces. The four stars represent the four aircraft and the innocent souls lost on 9/11. The lone white star represents the Americans who took back their aircraft as the last line of defense. The motto "First Line of Defense" is prominently etched with the hope that other Americans will never have to repeat that sacrifice.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

101st Information Warfare Flight The 101st Information Warfare Flight was activated on June 25, 2004, to officially continue its mission of Information Operations (IO). Commanded by Maj. Lance Whipple, the flight's primary role will be accomplished remotely in Utah to support the efforts of First Air Force/ Continental North American Aerospace Defense Region, headquartered at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. The 101st IWF helps protect information infrastructures that allow for successful accomplishment of all air defense activities. The flight is uniquely qualified to accomplish its mission by combining the strengths of time sensitive intelligence disciplines with the technologically savvy skills of the information warriors. This combination of talents produces the required information assurance required to successfully complete the daily missions of air defense. The flight, although new, has been fortunate enough to attract some of the brightest thinkers and hardest workers from the Air National Guard to include three civilian contractors. The talents on the team have been instrumental in moving the fledgling flight into arenas that cross multiple organizational boundaries. The traditional views that intelligence only applies to the air war have morphed forever into protection of all critical infrastructures and information.

The Utah Air National Guard' 101st Information Warfare Flight is rapidly establishing itself as a valuable part of national air defense. Under the command of Maj. Lance Whipple, the flight is equipping itself to become the first operational Information Warfare Flight in the Air National Guard. The 101st's mission is to provide remote information operations planning and analysis support to the Information Warfare Specialty Team in the Air Operations Center, First Air Force at Tyndall Air Force Base. First Air Force is responsible for the air defense of the Continental United States. The First Air Force commander, Maj. Gen. McKinley has a dual role as the Joint Forces Air Component Commander.

Over the past year, the 101st has been involved in both real world missions and several large-scale exercises. From January through March 2003, 101st provided information operations planning and operation support to the Integrated Air Defenses of the National Capital Region.

This successful mission provided a great opportunity to apply IO training in a real world setting. In August the IWF provided support to Determined Promise 03, a Northern Command joint forces exercise focused on providing military support to civil authorities. As the IWF continues to gain experience, hire and train new members, its role and importance to Air Operations will increase. Fiscal year 2004 will be a pivotal year in the establishment of the 101st IWF as it will be federally recognized and progress to meet its initial operating capability.

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