

566 INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

16 Photographic Technical Unit constituted and activated, 5 Nov 1944
Inactivated, 21 Dec 1945

66 Reconnaissance Squadron constituted, 15 Nov 1952
Activated, 1 Jan 1953
Inactivated, 8 Feb 1958

16 Photographic Technical Unit and 66 Reconnaissance Squadron consolidated and
redesignated 16 Reconnaissance Technical Squadron, 16 Oct 1984

Redesignated 16 Intelligence Squadron, 3 Sep 1993
Activated, 7 Sep 1993
Redesignated 566 Operations Support Squadron, 1 Oct 1995
Redesignated 566 Information Operations Squadron, 1 Aug 2000
Redesignated 566 Intelligence Squadron, 1 Apr 2007

STATIONS

Charleroi, Belgium, 5 Nov 1944
Vogelsang, Germany, 25 Mar 1945
Limburg, Germany, 3 Apr 1945
Eschwege, Germany, 12 Apr 1945
France, 5-16 Sep 1945
Drew Field, FL, 20 Sep 1945
MacDill Field, FL, 20 Sep-21 Dec 1945

Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jan-25 Jun 1953
Sembach AB, Germany, 7 Jul 1953
Kaiserslautern, Germany, 13 Aug 1953-8 Feb 1958
Buckley ANGB (later, AFB), CO, 7 Sep 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

67 Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 5 Nov 1944-21 Dec 1945
66 Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1 Jan 1953-8 Feb 1958
544 Intelligence (later, 544 Information Operations; 544 Intelligence) Group, 7 Sep 1993

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II
European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Rhineland
Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award With Combat "V" Device
1 Jun 2002-31 May 2003

Army Meritorious Unit Commendation
13 Dec 1944-13 Feb 1945

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1999
1 Jan 1998-1 Nov 1999
1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2000
1 Jun 1001-31 May 2002
1 Jun 2003-31 May 2005

EMBLEM



566 Operations Support Squadron emblem: On a disc divided per bend sinister Azure and chequy Argent and Sable, two mountain ranges fesswise in dexter Purpure surmounting Argent and issuant there from a contrail enarched to chief surmounted at honor point with a compass rose Or, overall bendwise sinister a lightning bolt of the last, shaded Blue, all within a diminished bordure Gules. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "566 OSS" in Red letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "ALWAYS VIGILANT, NEVER WEARY" in Red 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 chequy field is suggestive of the unit's parent organization. The mountains and compass rose symbolize endurance, strength and accuracy. The lightning bolt denotes the speed of the electronic data support the Squadron members provide for mission successes. (Approved, 6 Jul 1999)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The history of the 566th Information Operations Squadron (IOS) begins in the midst of World War II, when the 16th Photographic Technical Unit was activated on Nov. 5, 1944, at Charleroi, Belgium. Subordinate to the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, the 16th Photographic Technical Unit was assigned at several bases throughout Europe, including Vogelsang, Limburg, and Eschwege, Germany, as well as in France. Following World War II, the unit moved to MacDill Field, Fla., where it was inactivated on Dec. 21, 1945.

The unit remained inactive until Sept. 7, 1993, when the 16th Intelligence Squadron was activated at Buckley Air National Guard Base, Colo. The unit was re-designated the 566th Operations Support Squadron (OSS) on Oct. 1, 1995. Renamed later as the 566th Information Operations Squadron (IOS) on Aug. 1, 2000, this unit aided Buckley in its transition from an Air National Guard base to an active duty Air Force base.

The primary mission of the 566th IOS is force provider to the Aerospace Data Facility, providing leading-edge information superiority and technical support in the performance of joint national system missions.

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