

27 INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



MISSION

The 27 Intelligence Squadron's mission is to expertly serve Department of Defense organizations using skilled professionals and leading edge technologies to develop, provide and manage systems and production infrastructures and services. It operates and maintains automated production support systems, a secondary imagery dissemination system and photographic and lithographic facilities for the group. The 27 provides the communication, photographic, dissemination and facility, security and logistics management necessary to deliver high-quality, time-sensitive, imagery based intelligence for dissemination to U.S. and allied war-fighters around the globe.

The Systems and Database Management Flight provides state-of-the-art communications and computing and the Production Services provides a broad range of essential services.

The Visual Information Branch provides digital and wet imagery processing, still photography and 35mm slide production, high-speed, large-volume reproduction and graphic design.

The Dissemination Branch distributes and tracks all outgoing products, maintains a chart library with worldwide coverage and the basic target and training graphic repository.

The Security Branch manages the group's programs and maintains unit and visitor security clearances and facility security devices.

The Facility Branch manages the entire facility and grounds including upgrades and construction.

The Logistics Branch manages the group's supply and equipment accounts.

LINEAGE

27 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron constituted, 5 Feb 1943
Redesignated 27 Photographic Squadron (Light), 6 Feb 1943
Activated, 9 Feb 1943
Redesignated 27 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 11 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 21 Dec 1945
Redesignated 27 Tactical Intelligence Squadron, and activated, 1 Sep 1990
Redesignated 27 Air Intelligence Squadron, 1 Nov 1991
Redesignated 27 Intelligence Squadron, 1 Oct 1993
Redesignated 27 Intelligence Support Squadron, 1 Dec 2003
Redesignated 27 Intelligence Squadron, 1 Jan 2009

STATIONS

Colorado Springs, CO, 9 Feb-8 Oct 1943
Mount Farm, England, 4 Nov 1943
Denain/Prouvy, France, 9 Nov 1944
Chalgrave, England, 22 Apr 1945
Frankfurt/Eschborn, Germany, 14 Oct 1945
Poix, France, 15 Oct-26 Nov 1945
Camp Kilmer, NJ, 20-21 Dec 1945
Langley AFB, VA 1 Sep 1990

ASSIGNMENTS

6 Photographic (later Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping; Photographic Reconnaissance) Group, 9 Feb 1943
Third Air Force, 9 Oct 1943
III Reconnaissance Command, 12 Oct 1943
7 Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping (later Photographic; Reconnaissance) Group, attached 4 Nov 1943, and assigned 9 Dec 1943-21 Nov 1945
480 Tactical Intelligence Group (later, 480 Air Intelligence Group; 480th Intelligence Group), 1 Sep 1990
480 Intelligence Wing (later, 480 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Wing), 1 Dec 2003-Present

ATTACHMENTS

VIII Air Force Service Command, 9 Nov 1944-26 Jan 1945
VIII Fighter Command, 26 Jan-22 Apr 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38/F-4, 1943
P-38/F-5, 1943-1945

P-51, 1945

COMMANDERS

None (Not Manned), 9–18 Feb 1943
2nd Lt Willis, 19 Feb 1943
2nd Lt Cameron, 7 Mar 1943
2nd Lt Baird, 13 Mar 1943
1st Lt Hardee, 16 Mar 1943
2nd Lt James W. Kappes, 30 Mar 1943
1st Lt Hardee, 30 Apr 1943
1st Lt Cecil T. Haugen, 4 May 1943
Maj R. C. Mitchell, 19 May 1944
Capt Childress, 27 Jul 1944
Maj Kermit E. Bliss, 2 May 1945–Unknown
Lt Col Stephen Cummings, 1 Sep 1990
Maj Paul A. Dettmer, 12 Nov 1991
Capt S. Dean Hinson, 24 Jul 1993
Maj Robert D. Stone, 7 Aug 1993
Lt Col Roseanne M. Martin,
Lt Col Thomas W. Cochran, 1995
Lt Col Robert J. Feliz, 1997
Lt Col Mark T. Satterly, 1999
Lt Col Dennis Larm, 23 Jun 2001
Maj Gordon K. Watts, 20 Aug 2002
Lt Col Dennis Larm, 16 Dec 2002
Lt Col Lawrence O. Roche, 13 Jun 2003
Lt Col David P. Hawkins, 24 Jun 2005
Lt Col Gordon K. Watts, 8 Aug 2007
Lt Col Michael J. Clark, 26 Jun 2009
Lt Col Michael J. Pfungsten, 29 Jun 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
France, 31 May-30 Jun 1944

Meritorious Unit Award
1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006
1 Jun 2006-31 May 2007

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" device.
1 Jun 2002-31 May 2003

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Sep 1990-31 Dec 1991
1 Jan 1992-30 Sep 1993
1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2000
1 June 2007-31 May 2009

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
1 Oct 1993-30 Sep 1995

French Croix de Guerre with Palm
1944

EMBLEM



27 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron emblem: Over and through a medium brown disc, a red-cloaked bat man, wearing a grayed blue green oxygen mask and radio head set, holding a black aerial camera, highlighted grayed blue green, while standing on wings of caricatured aircraft, formed by two yellow lightning bolts for fuselage and tail rudder boom, grayed blue green wings and twin rudder section of like color, twin fuselage connected by map section

yellow and grayed blue green, all in front of a large white cloud formation, outlined black.
(Approved, 24 Aug 1944)



27 Intelligence Support Squadron



MOTTO

Bat Outa Hell

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 20 Dec 1943-25 Apr 1945.

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