

38 INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

38 Photo Lab, Bomb Group, Very Heavy constituted, 18 Aug 1945
Activated, 2 Sep 1945
Inactivated, 17 Oct 1945
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948
Reconstituted and redesignated 38 Intelligence Squadron, 19 Aug 2013
Activated in the Reserve, 15 Sep 2013

STATIONS

Riverside, CA, 2 Sep-17 Oct 1945
Beale AFB, CA, 15 Sep 2013

ASSIGNMENTS

458 Bombardment Group, 2 Sep-17 Oct 1945
655 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, 15 Sep 2013
755 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, 20 Sep 2018

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Roberto Garcia, 15 Sep 2013
Lt Col Brian K. Guthrie, 1 Oct 2020

HONORS

Service Streamers

Global War on Terrorism - Service (GWOT-S)

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Awards

1 Jun 2015-31 May 2016

1 Jun 2016-31 May 2017

1 Jun 2021- 31 May 2022

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[15 Sep]-31 Dec 2013

1 Jan 2017-31 Dec 2018

1 Jun 2017-31 May 2018

EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, issuing from base a demi-sphere of the first gridlined and edged Argent, overall a raven volant affronté Sable, garnished Argent (Smoke), grasping in its talons a key palewise, wards downwards Or, in chief, within an annulet of the second, radiating four lightning bolts of the fifth, a mullet of the second, charged with a torteau, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "38TH INTELLIGENCE SQ" in Yellow letters. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "SUBSISTO ACER" in Yellow 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 raven represents knowledge, thought and memory. The raven utilizes its keen insight to collect, store and disseminate valuable information. The skeleton key embodies the unit's ability to unlock the enemy's secrets while protecting its own. The Air Force roundel is a reminder of the unit's heritage as a WWII unit. The stylized 20th century radio lightning bolts

exemplify the focus on communications and work in the electro-magnet spectrum. The globe refers to the Squadron's world-wide mission. The Latin motto translates to "Stay Sharp" in English. Approved on 10 Nov 2014.

MOTTO

SUBSISTO ACER--Stay Sharp

OPERATIONS

The 38 IS maintained an active duty partnership with the 13 IS which was a subordinate organization of the 480 ISRW at JB Langley-Eustis, Virginia.

The 38 IS Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) flight conducted Annual Tour (AT) during which they focused on gaining a better understanding of the 13 IS AET, their targets, and the advanced systems currently used for analysis. The culmination of the two-day tour was a one- hour team presentation by the commander and senior enlisted advisor to representatives from the CAU and the 548th ISRG. This serves as an example of the 38 IS' continual search for more and better ways to support their CAU and expand their penetration with in the active duty units they support so as missions shift and change across the 480 ISRW enterprise, the 38 IS remains at the forefront of change. Two assigned analysts began the Baseline Analytical Training course to further develop in-house training capability. Gaining this capability gave the 13 IS a potential expanded instructor cadre to draw from and epitomized the 38 IS' customer-focused support of their active duty partner.

The 38 IS provided both the 9 IS and the 13 IS with Analysis and Exploitation Team (AET) baseline trainers to supplement gaps in their in-house capabilities. This was of critical importance because, particularly for the 9 IS, because this was a critical element of the shift from full motion video (FMV) toward focused, target centric problems. The 38 IS trainers were able to close out the final Baseline Analyst Training (BAT) course and helped transition the Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS) Formal Training Unit (FTU) to the 313th Training Squadron (TRS) at Goodfellow AFB, Texas. The course that was taught by the 13 IS and 38 IS members served as the new foundation for all Distributed Ground System (DGS) bound analysts.

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