

6984 SECURITY SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

6984 Radio Squadron (Mobile) designated and organized, 1 Oct 1960
Redesignated 6984th Security Squadron, 1 Jul 1963
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1974

STATIONS

Shemya, AK, 1 Oct 1960-30 Jun 1974

ASSIGNMENTS

6981 Radio Group, Mobile (later, 6981 Security Group), 1 Oct 1960-30 Jun 1974

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
[1 Oct]-31 Dec 1960
1 Jul 1968-30 Jun 1970
1 Jul 1972-30 Jun 1974

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Army-Air Force Joint Operating Group mission expanded, Det 3, 6981st RGM became the 6984 Radio Squadron Mobile in 1960 and three years later was renamed the 6984th Security Squadron. The 6984th continued operations at Shemya until 1974 when national authorities decided to "civilianize" intelligence gathering functions at some remotely located overseas locations. Bendix Field Engineering Corporation would replace military personnel on Shemya in an orderly transition over a one-year period. Lt. Col. Joseph F. Bohren arrived on the island on 1 January 1975 to take command of the Army-Air Force Joint Operation Group.

With the conversion to a civilian work force proceeding ahead of schedule, Bohren managed to curtail all military assignments on the island, including his own assignment. By July 1975, Bendix was manning all the intelligence billets on Shemya with civilians—all former military personnel. Civilians—most of whom had learned their trade in the military—continued operating the intelligence gathering post on Shemya AFB during the Cold War.

USAF Unit Histories
Created: 16 Sep 2022
Updated:

Sources
Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.