



FACT SHEET

U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet AIR FORCE ISR AGENCY

Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, with headquarters at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, first activated Oct. 20, 1948 as the United States Air Force Security Service. After several organizational realignments and actions, today it reports to the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance as a field operating agency.

The Air Force ISR Agency provides multisource ISR products, applications, capabilities and resources, to include cyber and geospatial forces and expertise. Additionally, it is the Service Cryptologic Component responsible to the National Security Agency and Central Security Service for Air Force matters involving the conduct of cryptologic activities, including the full spectrum of missions directly related to both tactical warfighting and national-level operations.

Mission

The agency's mission is to deliver decisive advantage by providing and operating integrated, cross-domain ISR capabilities in concert with service, joint, national and international partners. The organization also implements and oversees execution of Headquarters Air Force ISR policy and guidance to expand Air Force ISR capabilities to meet current and future challenges.

Organization

The 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing; 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing; Air Force Technical Applications Center; National Air and Space Intelligence Center and 361st Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group are aligned under the Air Force ISR Agency. The agency is also responsible for mission management and support of signals intelligence operations for 24th Air Force and the 12th Air Force's 55th Wing. In addition, the agency provides guidance to two Air Force Reserve units and 22 Air National Guard units with ISR responsibilities. The Air Force ISR Agency further provides mission management and support for specific intelligence operations within all these organizations and to assigned cryptologic elements.



Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency Shield (Color). Previously known as the Air Intelligence Agency. Image provided by the Air Force Historical Research Agency. In accordance with Chapter 3 of AFI 84-105, commercial reproduction of this emblem is NOT permitted without the permission of the proponent organizational/unit commander. The image is 6x6 inches @ 300 ppi.

70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing

The 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, with headquarters at Fort George G. Meade, Md., integrates Air Force capabilities into global cryptologic operations, directly supporting national-level decision makers, combatant commanders and tactical war fighters. The wing works closely with the National Security Agency and Central Security Service, leveraging the net-centric capabilities of a worldwide cryptologic enterprise to conduct national missions and enable national-tactical integration for joint and Air Force combat operations around the world. The effect on the battle space is immediate, high-impact and decisive. The wing includes six operational intelligence groups located in the U.S., Pacific and European theaters. First activated as the 70th Observation Group Sept. 13, 1941, the wing underwent several organizational changes until redesignated as the 70 ISR Wing Jan. 1, 2009.

480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing

The 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, headquartered at Joint Base Langley-Eustis Va., serves as the lead for the Air Force's premier ISR weapons system, known as the Distributed Common Ground System. This enterprise approach to ISR operations enables the wing to readily analyze and disseminate actionable intelligence supporting Air Force combat operations, as well as, U.S. combatant commands and key coalition partners. The wing is also responsible for the global command and control effort essential to collect, process, exploit and disseminate ISR data from numerous airborne platforms including the U-2, RQ-4 Global Hawk, MQ-1 Predator, MQ-9 Reaper, and MC-12W aircraft. The wing also conducts real-time cryptologic and signals intelligence operations directly supporting Air Force, Joint and Combined forces worldwide. The 480th ISR Wing considers itself the Air Force's "organization of choice" for deploying skilled ISR operators who provide critical ISR capabilities from many austere sites around the world. The wing first activated June 21, 1943 as the 480th Antisubmarine Group (Separate) and after several organizational actions, activated again Dec. 1, 2003 and redesignated as the 480 ISR Wing Jan. 1, 2009.

Air Force Technical Applications Center

The Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., performs nuclear treaty monitoring and nuclear event detection. AFTAC provides national authorities quality technical measurements to monitor treaty compliance and performs research and development of new proliferation detection technologies to enhance or assist treaty verification to limit the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to preserve our nation's security. AFTAC began as the 1035th Field Activities Group July 7, 1959 and after several organizational changes, redesignated the Air Force Technical Applications Center Oct. 1, 1980 and has been performing its nuclear event detection mission since its inception in 1973.

National Air and Space Intelligence Center

The National Air and Space Intelligence Center, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, is the primary Department of Defense producer of foreign air and space intelligence. Activated as the Foreign Technology Division July 1, 1961, NASIC supports warfighters, force modernizers and national policymakers with world-class predictive intelligence products that integrate all source intelligence data. The center analyzes the characteristics and performance of foreign weapons systems, assesses the capabilities and intent of potential adversaries, and serves as a national node for the processing, exploitation and dissemination of intelligence data from around the world. Redesignated Feb. 20, 2003 as the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, it has four intelligence analysis groups and eighteen squadrons, all located in its main complex at Wright-Patterson AFB.

361st Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group

With headquarters at Hurlburt Field, Fla., the 361st Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group is the premier provider of specialized ISR capabilities to the Air Force Special Operation Forces (SOF). The group and its two assigned squadrons, the 19th Intelligence Squadron and 25th Intelligence Squadron, train, equip and present more than 250 Airmen to provide specialized ISR special operation forces for worldwide employment. The group began as the 11th Photographic Group (Mapping) Nov. 19, 1941, and following several organizational actions, redesignated as the 361 ISR Group on October 10, 2008 and activated Oct. 29, 2008.

Personnel

The agency has almost 20,000 active, Reserve and Guard military and civilian members serving at 75 locations worldwide.

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