

526th INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

526th Intelligence Squadron

STATIONS

Nellis AFB, NV

ASSIGNMENTS

MISSION EQUIPMENT

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, propeller blades in saltire Argent, tipped Or, fimbriated Sable, each charged with a lightning bolt of the third, fimbriated of the fourth, overall a mullet Gules, all within a narrow Black border. Attached below the disc, a Red scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "526TH INTELLIGENCE SQ" in Black letters. Attached above the disc, a Red scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED" in Black 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. A propeller divides the emblem into four quadrants. The propeller symbolized the Squadron's World War Two heritage. The lightning bolts on the propeller blades represent the unit's commitment to providing the full spectrum of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Integration at the "speed of war." The star signifies the Squadron's expertise in adversary tactics analysis.

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OPERATIONS

The upcoming Red Flag exercise at Nellis AFB, Nev., will be the first time live intelligence gathering will factor directly into the large-force aerial combat event, announced Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency officials. Since Red Flag's beginnings in 1975, the exercise's "intelligence had to be faked" ahead of time and fed to units as the exercise scenario played out, explained Maj. Christopher Keown, operations director for Nellis' 526th Intelligence Squadron, in the agency's Jan. 17 release. For Red Flag 13-3, which runs from Feb. 25 to March 15, AFISRA will directly participate to "produce scenarios that properly represent the enemy and ensure realistic intelligence can be collected and passed," said Keown. Intelligence aircraft orbiting over the Nevada Test and Training Range will beam back live data for analysts to collate and pass to assets in the field, more closely simulating real-world integration in theater, according to the release. "The ability of ISR and combat forces to integrate in a collocated environment provides the best opportunity to prepare for tomorrow's fight," said Lt. Col. Christopher Reiz, 526th IS commander. 2013