

1 COMBAT CAMERA SQUADRON



MISSION

1 Combat Camera Squadron provides visual information documentation covering air, sea, and ground actions of the Armed Forces of the US in combat or combat support operations and in related peacetime training activities such as exercises, wargames, and operations.

The mission of Combat Camera is to support DOD and Air Force senior leadership with timely and informative visual imagery that will enhance their daily operational decisions and assessments during both combat and peacetime contingencies. Combat Camera technicians operate still and video imagery systems that can distribute images within a six-hour response time.

Combat Camera Squadron imagery is a fundamental tool of commanders and decision-makers throughout the Department of Defense. Their imagery provides a visual record for use in operational analysis, training, public information, and as a permanent historical record. It is a timely, accurate information resource, providing a "you-are-there" perspective, and is essential battlefield information in support of strategic, operational, and tactical mission objectives.

Combat camera personnel are an integral part of Joint exercises, contingency operations, humanitarian relief efforts, and disasters of every kind. The squadron consists of technical experts in Visual Information career fields Still Photography and Videography and dedicated support professionals.

Combat Camera Squadron imagery is also archived for historical purposes and can be recalled through the Joint Combat Camera Center at the Pentagon and the Defense Visual Information Center at Riverside, CA.

LINEAGE

1 AAF Combat Camera Unit constituted, 4 Feb 1943
Activated, 12 Feb 1943
Inactivated, 9 Sep 1945
Redesignated 1 Air Force Combat Camera Unit, 26 Sep 1947
Activated in the Reserve, 10 Aug 1948
Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949
Redesignated 1 Combat Camera Unit, 14 Aug 1950
Activated, 2 Sep 1950
Redesignated 1 Photographic Squadron, 16 Apr 1951
Inactivated, 8 Jun 1954

1361 Photographic Squadron designated, and activated, 1 Jul 1971
Redesignated 1361 Audiovisual Squadron, 1 Jun 1976
Redesignated 1361 Audiovisual Squadron (Combat Camera), 1 Feb 1990

1 Photographic Squadron and 1361 Audiovisual Squadron (Combat Camera) consolidated
and redesignated 1 Combat Camera Squadron, 1 Apr 1992

STATIONS

Culver City, California, 12 Feb 1943 (not manned, Feb Jun 1943)
Mitchel Field, New York, 25 Aug 5 Dec 1943
Naples, Italy, 16 Jan 1944
Bari, Italy, 22 Jan 1944-9 Sep 1945
Long Beach, California, 10 Aug 1948-27 Jun 1949
Bolling AFB, Washington D.C., 2 Sep 1950
Alexandria, Virginia, 2 Jan 1951 8 Jun 1954
Arlington, Virginia, 1 Jul 1971
Andrews AFB, Maryland, 1 Oct 1988
Charleston AFB, South Carolina, 1 Apr 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

1 Motion Picture Unit, 12 Feb 1943
I Fighter Command, 25 Aug 1943
Fifteenth Air Force, Jan 1944-9 Sep 1945
Fourth Air Force, 10 Aug 1948-27 Jun 1949
Headquarters Command, 2 Sep 1950
1130 USAF Special Activities Group, 1 Mar 1951
Air Pictorial (later, Air Photographic and Charting) Service, 1 Apr 1951
1350 Photo Group (Documentary), 1 Aug 1952
Air Photographic and Charting Service, 1 Jan 8 Jun 1954
Aerospace Audio Visual (later, Aerospace Audiovisual; Air Combat Camera) Service, 1 Jul
1971

621 Air Mobility Operations Group, 22 Jul 1994
21 Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, 1 Mar 2005
621 Contingency Operations Support Group, 1 Apr 2007
Air Force Public Affairs Agency, 1 Oct 2008

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Jamie Humphries
Lt Col Mindy Yu (Acting)

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
European African Middle Eastern Theater
Naples Foggia 1943-1944
Rome Arno 1944

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

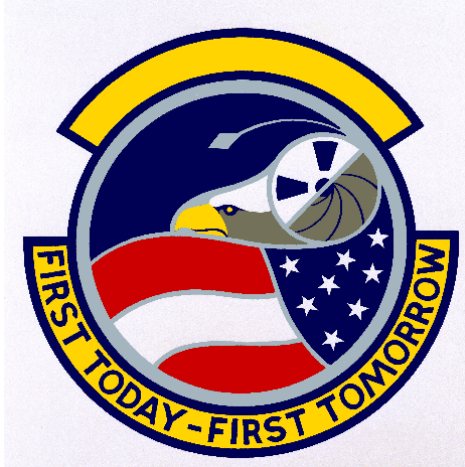
Air Force Meritorious Unit Award
1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2010

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1971-30 Jun 1973
1 Jul 1977-30 Jun 1979
1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1983
1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985
1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1987
22 Jul 1994-21 Jul 1995
1 Jun 2002-31 May 2003
1 Jun 2003-30 Jun 2004
1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2005
[1 Oct] 2005-30 Jun 2007
1 Oct 2007-30 Sep 2008

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
1 Jun 1991-31 May 1993

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OPERATIONS

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