

# 23<sup>rd</sup> INFORMATION OPERATIONS SQUADRON



## LINEAGE

Constituted 23 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 14 Jul 1942

Activated on 2 Sep 1942

Redesignated: 23 Photographic Squadron (Light) on 6 Feb 1943;

23 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 13 Nov 1943

Inactivated on 12 Sep 1945

Consolidated (1 Oct 1993) with the 6947 Electronic Security Squadron which was activated on 1 Jul 1986

Redesignated 23 Intelligence Squadron on 1 Oct 1993

Inactivated on 30 Jun 1996

Redesignated 23 Information Operations Squadron on 17 Jul 2000

Activated 1 Aug 2000

## STATIONS

Colorado Springs, CO, 2 Sep 1942-8 Aug 1943

La Marsa, Tunisia, 8 Sep 1943 (air echelon at La Marsa from 13 Jul 1943; operated from Foggia, Italy, after 18 Nov 1943)

Foggia, Italy, 30 Nov 1943

San Severo, Italy, 10 Dec 1943

Alghero, Sardinia, 2 Feb 1944 (detachment operated from San Severo, Italy, until 17 Feb 1944)

Borgo, Corsica, 14 Jul 1944 (detachment at Le Luc, France, 20 Aug-8 Sep 1944; unit operated therefrom, 1-7 Sep 1944)

Valence, France, 5 Sep 1944 (detachment operated from Satolas-et-Bonce, France, 7-23 Sep 1944, and from Dijon, France, 23 Sep-c. 8 Oct 1944)

Malignano, Italy, 13 Oct 1944

Florence/Peretola, Italy, 16 Jan 1945

Pomigliano, Italy, 23 Aug-12 Sep 1945

Key West, FL, 1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1996

Kelly AFB (later, Kelly Field Annex, Lackland AFB), TX, 1 Aug 2000

## ASSIGNMENTS

5 Photographic (later, 5 Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping; 5 Photographic

Reconnaissance; 5 Photographic) Group, 2 Sep 1942 (attached to 3 Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping [later, 3 Photographic]) Group, c. 15 Jul-8 Sep 1943, 9 Feb-9 Mar 1944 23 Aug-15 Nov 1944)

3 Photographic (later, 3 Reconnaissance) Group, 15 Nov 1944-12 Sep 1945

6940 Electronic Security Wing, 1 Jul 1986

Continental Electronic Security Division, 1 Apr 1987

694 Electronic Security Wing, 15 Jul 1988

Continental Electronic Security Division, 1 Jan 1991

693 Intelligence Wing, 1 Oct 1991

67 Intelligence Group, 1 Oct 1993-30 Jun 1996

318 Information Operations Group, 1 Aug 2000

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

P-38/F-5, 1943-1945

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Air Offensive Europe, 1942-1944

Naples-Foggia, 1943-1944

Rome-Arno, 1944

Normandy, 1944

Northern France, 1944

Southern France, 1944

North Apennines, 1944-1945

Rhineland, 1944-1945

Central Europe, 1945;

Po Valley, 1945

Air Combat, EAME Theater, 1941-1945

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation

MTO, 28 Aug 1944

#### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 Jan 1990-31 Dec 1991

1 Oct 1993-30 Sep 1994

1 Oct 1994-30 Sep 1995

French Croix de Guerre with Silver-Gilt Star  
15 Aug 1943-15 Oct 1944

## **EMBLEM**

Approved on 15 Nov 2000

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

23rd Info Ops Sq      Lackland AFB, Texas — Provides tactics training, green teaming, and black cell support to worldwide Air Force and Joint-level exercises.

Activated in 2005, the 273rd Information Operations Squadron, Texas Air National Guard, is colocated with and supports the Air Force Information Warfare Center (later Air Force Information Operations Center) at Lackland AFB. As explained in a Spokesman article, the 273rd IOS is partnered with squadrons of the 318th Information Operations Group.

The 273 Information Operations Squadron, which organized only last summer, is colocated with the 23rd IOS and the 346 Test Squadron, both active duty Air Force units, under the Air Force Information Warfare Center.

The 23r IOS develops, trains and exercises information operations tactics and the 346lh TS tests and verifies those tactics. The 273r IOS has two flights: one corresponding to the 23' 's mission, and another corresponding to the 346' 's mission. Together, the three squadrons work together to develop, test, exercise and train Air Force tactics, techniques and procedures for network defense of electronic emissions and influence operations.

441019	F-5B	42-68293	23PRS	3PRG		LAC	Fuller, Wilbur J	Malignano AF
441207	F-5E	44-24714	23PRS	3PRG		TAC	Golanics, John (NMI)	Malignano
441212	F-5E	44-23232	23PRS	3PRG		CBLEF	Lester, R Anton	Malignano
450324	F-5E	44-23215	23PRS	3PRG		KCRL	Earhart, Robert H	Peretola

450506	F-5E	44-24723	23PRS	3PRG		CRL	Carter, Robert F	Peretola
430625	P-38G	42-13298	23PRS	5PRG		CR	Crammer, David S	Yundum Fld
440725	F-5B	42-67314	23PRS	5PRG		CREF	Thilman, Eugene T	Borgo

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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources