

6988th ELECTRONICS SECURITY SQUADRON

6988th RSM, Fuchu Air Station, Japan (Billy Fortner-BAT)

Det. 1, Yakota Air Base, Japan (Deactivated 1972) (James Devine)

6988th ESS Mildenhall, England

6988th ESS RAF Mildenhall, Eng 1 Jun '80-30 Sept '93

LINEAGE

STATIONS

RAF Mildenhall, England

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Gary D. Payton

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

6988TH ESS	AFOUA	1 JUL 80 - 30 JUN 82
	AFOUA	1 JUL 82 - 30 JUN 84

In Japan, a DoD Program Budget decision completely realigned the cryptologic structure, forcing the closure of the 6986 SG at Wakkanai AS, and the inactivation of the 6918 SS at Hakata AS and the 6988 SS at Yokota AB, Japan. Concurrently, projects associated with the 6988 SS, such as Bench Royal and Rivet Gym manning for College Eye, were discontinued, and the remaining Combat Dawn mission transferred to the 6903 SS at Osan AB, Korea. 1972

Host base activities at Misawa AB, Japan (6921 SW) were transferred from PACAF to USAFSS on 1 July 1972.

The 6910 SG moved from Darmstadt to Augsburg in Germany. 1972

On 9 January, the operational deployment of the first modernized RJ aircraft to the 6988 ESS at RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom, took place. Modernization of the second aircraft and its subsequent deployment to the 6985 ESS at Eielson AFB, Alaska, occurred in February 1981. Successful Block III operations at these two units, and mixed fleet operations at Offutt AFB, Nebr., continued throughout the year despite frequent surge taskings and an increase in sortie rates. Introduction of the third, fourth, and fifth modernized aircraft into the fleet followed in March, August, and December. 1981

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