

6990th ELECTRONIC SECURITY SQUADRON

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6990TH SCTYS AFOUA wV 1 JUL 70 - 31 DEC 70
(DET 1)

6990th Kadina, Okinawa, Japan.

6990th ESS Kadena AB, Okinawa 1 Aug '79-1 May 1980

LINEAGE

STATIONS

Kadena AB, Okinawa

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Lt. Col. Doyle Larson

6990TH SCTYS	AFOUA	1 JAN 68 - 31 DEC 68
	AFOUA wV	1 JAN 69 - 31 DEC 69
	AFOUA wV	1 JAN 70 - 31 DEC 70
	AFOUA wV	1 JAN 71 - 31 DEC 71
	AFOUA wV	1 JAN 72 - 30 JUN 73
	AFOUA	23 APR 75 - 30 APR 75
	AFOUA	17 MAR 76 - 17 MAR 78

With the air war in Southeast Asia escalating, Doll added six RC-135 aircraft to the SAC inventory. On 15 July 1967, the 6990 55 activated at Kadena AB, Okinawa to support the IC- 135 mission there with USAFSS crews. On 12 September 1967, the first USAFSS manned COMBAT APPLE RC-135 mission staged out of Modena. During the Vietnam conflict, USAFSS personnel also served with distinction aboard the EC-47, supporting search and rescue operations for downed U.S. airmen.

1967 In June, the Air Force named Kadena AB, Okinawa, as the most economical location for the six additional RC-135 aircraft in a post-hostility posture. As a result, USAFSS and SAC activated units at Kadena to operate the RC-135 program in Southeast Asia. USAFSS activated the 6990th Security Squadron on 15 July 1967, while SAC activated the 82d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron on on 25 August 1967.

The first three Combat Apple RC-135 aircraft arrived at Kadena AB on 10 September, three more in October, three in October/November 1967, and the final one in January 1968. On 12 September 1967, just two days after the first aircraft arrived at the 6990 SS, an RC-135 flew its first operational Combat Apple mission. By November, daily scheduled Combat Apple missions of 18 hours and 45 minutes were being flown. The typical mission profile included 12 hours and 30 minutes on the primary orbit. 1967

The 6990 SS at Kadena AB, Okinawa, won the Travis Trophy for its highly significant contributions towards the fulfillment of national and tactical cryptologic objectives. 1968

LINEAGE

STATIONS

Kadena AB, Okinawa

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS