

1 SPACE SURVEILLANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

The mission of the 1 SSS was to operate the Low Altitude Space Surveillance (LASS) system to gather space intelligence and track space systems in near-Earth orbits. The LASS operation supported USAF space intelligence requirements, while being assisted by the 18th Intelligence Squadron's Det 1 for SIGINT support.

LINEAGE

1 Deep Space Surveillance Squadron constituted, 10 Feb 1989

Activated, 1 Apr 1989

Redesignated 1 Surveillance Squadron, 1 May 1990

Redesignated 1 Space Surveillance Squadron, 15 May 1992

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1995

STATIONS

Griffiss AFB (Verona Test Annex), NY, 1 Apr 1989-30 Sep 1995

ASSIGNMENTS

73 Space Surveillance (later 73 Space) Group, 1 Apr 1989

21 Operations Group, 26 Apr 1995-30 Sep 1995

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Michael Peterson, Aug 1992

Lt Col Stephen L. Lanning, Jun 1993

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



The dragon is the vigilant sentinel mascot of the 1st Space Surveillance Squadron, on guard for deep space satellites. The dragon is tightly holding a black, inverted equilateral triangle of deep space indicative of the unit's surveillance tracking coverage. The four pointed star represents a geosynchronous satellite within tracking coverage of the squadron. The dragon's eye reflects the star and sheds light on the darkness of space through the unit's surveillance mission and contributions to space warning, space control and space force management. The background represents the global aerospace projection of the Air Force. (Approved, 4 Mar 1992)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 1st Space Surveillance Squadron inactivated in 1995. This action was a result of budget constraints and resulted in a decrease of 78 military and 1 civilian manpower authorizations.



Verona Test Annex, NY

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