

4 SPACE WARNING SQUADRON



MISSION

Mission Statement: Protect and defend the United States and its allies from emergent global threats through Persistent Warning, Technical Data Exploitation, and Battlespace Awareness.

4th Space Warning Squadron is a reserve associate to the 11th Space Warning Squadron, 4 SWS supports Space-Based Infrared System (SBIRS). SBIRS provides critical information regarding national and theater threats through its primary mission areas of missile warning, battlespace awareness, technical intelligence, and missile defense. System operators enable reliable, unambiguous, timely, and accurate warning for theater and strategic missile launches to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, and Combatant Commanders worldwide.

4 SWS members are fully integrated into all aspects of the SBIRS crew force, providing long-term knowledge and proficiency in mission management operations, mission execution, battlespace awareness, ground system operations, and satellite command and control.

LINEAGE

4 Space Communications Squadron constituted, 1 May 1992

Activated, 15 May 1992

Redesignated 4 Space Warning Squadron, 1 Oct 1992

Inactivated on 1 Mar 1996

Activated on 3 Aug 2019.

STATIONS

Holloman AFB, NM, 15 May 1992

Holloman AFB, NM, 15 May 1992–1 Mar 1996

Buckley AFB, CO, 3 Aug 2019

ASSIGNMENTS

21 Operations Group, 15 May 1992–1 Mar 1996

710 Operations Group, 3 Aug 2019.

COMMANDERS

Lt Col D. Knight

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1992-30 Sep 1994

1 Oct 1995-1 Mar 1996

EMBLEM



Azure, a globe in dexter chief Celeste gridlined of the first overall a silhouette of a scorpion Sable fimbriated Argent and grasping in its pincers an orbital ring fesswise charged with a flight symbol and an orbital ring of a lightning flash palewise both enfiling the globe Gules; all within a diminished bordure Or. (Approved, 31 Mar 1995)

MOTTO

CAVETE VOS QUI INFRANOS- Beware You Who Are Below Us

OPERATIONS

Operated mobile satellite communications equipment associated with the Defense Support Program, 1992 to present.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE UNIT HISTORIES

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