

Realignment to 694th Intelligence Group

The 303rd Intelligence Squadron and colocated 607th Air Intelligence Squadron realigned under the 694th Intelligence Group during a ceremony activating the 694th at Osan Air Base on 7 April 2008. The 694th Intel Group reports to the 70th Intelligence Wing, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency. Then AF ISR Agency commander Major General Craig Koziol spoke at the ceremony.²⁴³

The U.S. Air Force is definitely taking the right steps to transform ISR into a fully integrated and synchronized warfighting operation. By establishing the 694th Intelligence Group, we reaffirm a responsive, operational relationship between my agency and the 7th Air Force commander.

Replacing the 607th Air Intelligence Group that was deactivated, the 694th also activated Detachment 1, 694th Intel Group. The 694th Intel Group and subordinate 303rd and 607th squadrons provide round-the-clock armistice indications and warning, as well as intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations in support of the Republic of Korea. *Skivvy Nine* lives on at Osan Air Base! Looking back five decades, USAFSS underwent a metamorphosis in the early 1960's.

FAR EAST USAFSS REORG IN 1962

On 1 October 1961, Air Force Security Service initiated a global reorganization with the elevation of its 6900th Security Wing in Germany to the European Security Region. Similar actions occurred in the Far East on 1 September 1962 when the 6920th Security Wing became Pacific Security Region at Wheeler AFB, Hawaii. Creation of ESR and PSR made possible multiple USAFSS wings in Europe and the Far East. Thus, on 1 September 1962 the 6921st and 6922nd Security Wings stood up at Misawa, Japan, and Kadena, Okinawa, respectively. A month later, the 6921st Security Wing activated the 6986th Radio Group Mobile at Wakkanai, while inactivating the 6986th RSM. Likewise, the 6922nd Security Wing elevated the 6925th and 6987th RSM's to groups (6925th RGM and 6987th RGM).

The following org chart depicts USAFSS Far East units in 1962.

USAFSS Far East Org Chart—Dec 1962 Pg 1	
Pacific Security Region Wheeler AFB, Hawaii 1 Sept '62-31 Dec '72	
OL-2, 6920 th SW (1) Yamato Air Station, Japan 1961-62	Det 1, Pac Scty Region Yamato Air Station, Japan 1962-64
6921 st SW (2) Misawa AB, Japan 1 Sept '62-1 Apr '70	6922 nd SW Kadena AB, Okinawa (4) 1 Sept '62-1970
6921 st SW Misawa AB, Japan 1 Sept '62-1 Apr '70	
6989 th RSM (3) Misawa AB, Japan Mid-1958-1 Jul '63	6989 th Supt Sq Misawa AB, Japan 1 Sept '58-1969
6986 th RGM Wakkanai AS, Japan 1 Oct '62-1 Jul '63	6988 th RSM Fuchu AS, Japan 1959-1 Jul '63
Det 1, 6986 th RGM Makubetsu, Japan 1 Oct '62-1 Jul '63	Det 1, 6988 th RSM (5) Yokota AB, Japan 1959-1 Jul '63 Det 2, 6988 th RSM Kamiseya NB, Japan 1961-1 Jul '62 Det 3, 6988 th RSM (6) Tachikawa AB, Japan 1961-1 Jul '63
(1) OL-2, 6920 th SW became Det 1, PSR. (2) Previously 6921 st RGM. (3) RSM's and RGM's became security sqdns and groups, 1 July 1963. (4) 6922 nd SW moved to Clark AB, 1 Jul '65. (5) Det 1, 6988 th RSM became 6988 th RSM in 1963. (6) Unit activated as OL-2, 6988 th RSM in 1961; became Det 3, 6988 th Scty Sq in 1963.	

USAFSS Far East Org Chart—Dec 1962 Pg 2	
Pacific Security Region Wheeler AFB, Hawaii 1 Sept '62-31 Dec '72	
6922 nd SW (1) Kadena AB, Okinawa 1 Sept '62-1970	
6987 th RGM (2) Shu Lin Kou, Taiwan 1 Oct 1962-1 Jul '63	6925 th RGM (5) Clark AB, Philippines 1 Oct '62-1 Jul '63
Det 1, 6987 th RGM (3) Taipei, Taiwan <u>1 Oct 1962-1 Jul '63</u>	Det 1, 6925 th RGM (6) San Miguel, Philippines <u>1 Oct '62-1 Jul '63</u>
Det 2, 6987 th RGM (3) Taichung, Taiwan <u>1 Oct 1962-1 Jul '63</u>	6923 rd RSM (7) Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam <u>July '62-1 Jul '63</u>
Det 3, 6987 th RGM (3) Chiayi, Taiwan 1 Oct 1962-1 Jul '63	Det 1, 6923 rd RSM (8) Da Nang AB, Vietnam <u>July '62-1 Jul '63</u>
	Det 3, 6923 rd RSM (9) Bangkok, Thailand July '62-1 Jul '63
6927 th RSM Onna Point, Okinawa 1956-1 Jul '63	6918 th RSM Brady AB, Japan Nov '58-1 Jul '63
Det 1, 6927 th RSM (4) Kadena AB, Okinawa 1961-1 Jul '63	6929 th RSM Osan AB, Korea 1 Oct '58-1 Jul '63
(1) Previously 6922 nd RGM; moved to Clark AB, 1 Jul '65. (2) Previously 6987 th RSM; became 6987 th Scty Gp, 1 Jul '63. (3) Few details available on Dets 1, 2 and 3 of 6987 th RGM. (4) Activated as OL-1, 6927 th RSM, 1961. (5) Previously 6925 th RSM; became 6925 th Scty Gp, 1 Jul '63. (6) Became Det 1, 6925 th Scty Gp (DF site), 1 July '63. (7) Became 6923 rd Scty Sq, 1 Jul '63; deactivated 15 Aug '63. (8) Team 1A, 6920 th SW, Dec '61; redesignated Det 1, 6923 rd RSM, Jul '62; Det 2, 6925 th Scty Gp, 1 Jul '63. (9) Team 1, 6920 th SW, 1960; redesignated Det 3, 6923 rd RSM, Jul '62; Det 3, 6925 th Scty Gp, 1 Jul 1963.	

The 6925th had created a direction finding (DF) site (Det 1, 6925th RSM) at San Miguel City, Philippines, on 1 January 1962. The unit maintained the San Miguel DF station until April 1965.²⁴⁴ The 6922nd Security Wing also activated the 6923rd Radio Squadron Mobile at Tan Son Nhut, South Vietnam, in 1962 as activities were heating up in Southeast Asia. The 6923rd RSM is discussed later.

USAFSS Restructuring in 1963

On 1 July 1963, Security Service broke with its "mobile" past. Acknowledging that its field sites were no longer the mobile units of an earlier era, all its radio squadrons mobile and radio groups mobile—including those in the Far East—became security squadrons and security groups.²⁴⁵ For years, the newly named 6925th Security Group and other former RSM's/RGM's had been mobile in name only. Forty-five days later (15 Aug '63), USAFSS reorganized its forces in Southeast Asia. Air Force Security Service support of the Vietnam War is addressed later in this chapter.

6926TH SS (M) ACTIVATED AT CLARK

On 1 September 1963, the 6925th Security Group acquired a newly activated, truly mobile unit—6926th Security Squadron (Mobile) at Clark Air Base.²⁴⁶ One of three new self-contained USAFSS contingency units, the 6926th SS (M) provided Pacific Security Region with a capability to deploy on short notice to meet national and theater intelligence needs in areas where adequate fixed facilities did not exist. The 6926th SS (M) operated out of Clark through at least 1974. Clark Air Base was also home to the FLR-9 system.

Clark Air Base's Elephant Cage

Continued expansion of Security Service activities in the Far East included establishing an AN/FLR-9 circularly disposed antenna array at Clark Air Base, P.I. Construction on the so-called "elephant cage" HF antenna system commenced on 1 July 1963, along with a new generator building and an addition to the existing operations-communications building. The contractor completed the new construction on 24 March 1965, well ahead of schedule.²⁴⁷