



Arizona Air National Guard

214TH RECONNAISSANCE GROUP: ARIZONA

The 214th Reconnaissance Group (RG) currently flies the USAF MQ-1B "Predator" in Afghanistan via satellite from ground control stations at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona and in December 2014 dedicated a Launch and Recovery Element at Fort Huachuca in Sierra Vista, Arizona to facilitate training and provide incident awareness and



assessment capabilities to support state agencies in the event of emergency or disaster.

The unit began operations on 16 July 2007. The 214th RG is a direct result of the Air National Guard's expanding role in the Total Force Initiative, which was outlined by the

Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force in November 2004. Arizona is one of the first states to bring the Predator mission to the Air National Guard. The 214th RG, known as "The Black Sheep," is divided into two squadrons -- the 214th Reconnaissance Squadron and the 214th Operational Support Squadron. The 214th RG was incorporated into the 162d Wing in May 2014.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Tucson, AZ and Sierra Vista, AZ**
- » Land Area: **2 acres**
- » Military Personnel: **Approx. 200**
- » Civilian Personnel: **Approx. 20**



Above: An artist rendering of an MQ-1 Predator firing the AGM-114 "Hellfire" missile. (Arizona National Guard photo)

Left: One of Arizona's first MQ-1 Predator #03-256 over an airfield in California. (Arizona National Guard photo)

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide superior armed reconnaissance capabilities to Overseas Contingency Operations and defend the nation and state while enriching our local community.

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UNIT MISSIONS

- » **214th Reconnaissance Group (“Black Sheep”):** The 214th RG provides persistent, actionable intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, and weapon delivery capability to combatant commanders and incident awareness and assessment capabilities to support state and federal agencies. The Group’s continued performance demonstrates their commitment to the Air Force Core values.
 - **214th Reconnaissance Squadron:** Trains, maintains, and utilizes over 25 highly proficient and qualified airecrews ready to answer our nations call for OCO missions.
 - **214th Operational Support Squadron:** Provides safe, readily deployable manpower in support of all worldwide contingencies.



Above: 214th Reconnaissance Group emblem

COMMANDER RANK

Colonel

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Located at Davis-Monthan AFB
- » Launch and Recovery Element located at Fort Huachuca
- » One of the Air National Guard’s most modern facilities
- » One of only 11 ANG units receiving this Major Weapon System

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