Fact Sheet

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The U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM), an Army major command, conducts dominant intelligence, security and information operations for military commanders and national decision makers.

Charged with providing the warfighter the seamless intelligence needed to understand the battlefield and to focus and leverage combat power, INSCOM collects intelligence information in all intelligence disciplines. INSCOM also conducts a wide range of production activities, ranging from intelligence preparation of the battlefield to situation development, SIGINT analysis, imagery exploitation, and science and technology intelligence production. INSCOM also has major responsibilities in the areas of counterintelligence and force protection, electronic warfare and information warfare, and support to force modernization and training.

Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., INSCOM is a global command with brigades and groups that tailor their support to the specific needs of different theaters. Altogether, INSCOM has 14 major subordinate commands and a variety of smaller units with personnel dispersed at over 180 locations worldwide.

INSCOM was organized on January 1, 1977, with headquarters at historic Arlington Hall Station, Va. Its mission was to support the Army by conducting intelligence, counterintelligence, and electronic warfare operations at Echelon Above Corps. The command consisted of field stations located around the globe, multi-disciplined military intelligence groups in the overseas theaters, and a variety of specialized elements performing production, counterintelligence, and human intelligence missions.

In response to the Army's changing needs, INSCOM organized force-projection brigades, stood up new units to make use of the state-of-the-art technologies, and became a major player in the emerging field of information operations. Over the past decade, INSCOM units and specialists have deployed in support of US forces in Panama, the Persian Gulf, Bosnia, and other areas of real and potential conflict around the world.

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