

INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE & RECONNAISSANCE



THE EVOLUTION OF GLOBALLY INTEGRATED ISR HAS FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGED HOW AMERICA FIGHTS WARS. ISR ALLOWS AMERICAN FORCES TO CARRY OUT FUNCTIONS THAT THEY PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED WITH MUCH GREATER DANGER AND AT HIGHER COST.

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Air Force ISR is operations and the FOUNDATION of joint, interagency, and coalition success. Skilled, dedicated Airmen deliver actionable intelligence to national decision makers, combatant commanders and tactical forces. These Airmen save lives.

The Air Force has flown the majority of the ISR missions in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. In FY 2014 alone, Airmen operating the Air Force Distributed Common Ground System identified 290 instances of troops taking fire, detected 55 improvised explosive devices and disseminated 2.6 million life-saving images to combatant commanders around the globe.

As we transition to what will likely be a highly volatile and unpredictable future, Air Force ISR will be the bedrock upon which the service provides freedom of action to our joint and coalition partners.