



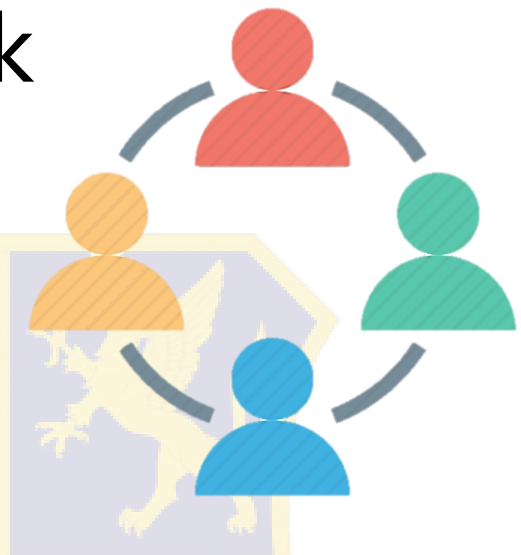
THE PURPLE DRAGON ADVANTAGE

*Let your plans be dark
and as impenetrable
as night...*
- Sun Tzu

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

*The 501 CSW OPSEC Team Adds
26 Coordinators to Max Efficacy*

The 501 CSW OPSEC Team has bulked up their readiness capabilities by increasing OPSEC Coordinators at the Group and Squadron level. The additional OPSEC Coordinators will be able to take on more OPSEC taskers, internal assessments, and provide their respective commanders more accurate information to help accomplish mission goals.



**501 CSW OPSEC
Team Boost**

**Q4 2020 Internal
Assessment**

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First Internal Assessment Aims to Boost Wing-Wide Shred and CIIL Policy Adoption

The 501 CSW OPSEC team rallied to measure the adoption of the Wing OPSEC Policy in the first internal assessment completed in over a year. The purpose of the assessment was to identify any methods to improve shredding and CIIL publication across the Wing.

The 501 CSW adopted a new OPSEC Policy in August 2020, which enables for more effective critical information security through 100% shredding of all non-commercially produced paper products and increased CIIL distribution. These adoptions were synchronous with the USAFE-AFAFRICA OPSEC Policy published a year prior.

57 offices across 10 squadrons and two dumpsters were assessed for paper disposal methods. 61 total non-commercially produced paper products were disposed of incorrectly. OPSEC Coordinators randomly assessed squadron office bins to inspect whether non-commercially produced paper products were being thrown out or shredded as required. Unshredded paper products could jeopardize critical information security if acquired by adversaries. Additionally, only an average of 45% of offices had the USAFE-AFAFRICA CIIL physically posted.

This data is integral in helping the 501 CSW combat potential OSPEC threats and vulnerabilities. A key trend found during the observations were personal post-it notes written by office workers. These notes must also be shredded. Another assessment is planned to be completed in Q1 2021.