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U-2S Collect, Analyze and Deliver Data from the Stratosphere

The multi-role U-2S Dragon Lady continues to provide warfighters with unmatched capability and unparalleled performance. The modularity of the U-2S enables rapid upgrades to demonstrate new technologies in weeks, not years, providing next generation capabilities to our warfighters today. The aircraft is based at the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale Air Force Base, California with with operational squadrons in major theaters worldwide.



The U-2S provides world-class, high-fidelity, multispectral and signals intelligence, with a defensive system enabling access into contested areas to support all phases of combat. Soaring 13 miles high and carrying nearly 2.5 tons of the world's most sophisticated equipment, today's U-2 is on duty collecting unique information to support tactical warfighters and inform strategic national security advisors every hour of every day with a 97 percent mission success rate.



The U-2S' modular payloads and open architecture support rapid fielding of emergent or unique technology, enabling combat commanders to outmaneuver an adapting adversary with asymmetric strategies. The U-2S continues to participate in flight demonstrations to prove advanced technologies and provide rapid insertions of enhanced capabilities to the warfighter today, while furthering technology needed for the future battlespace.