

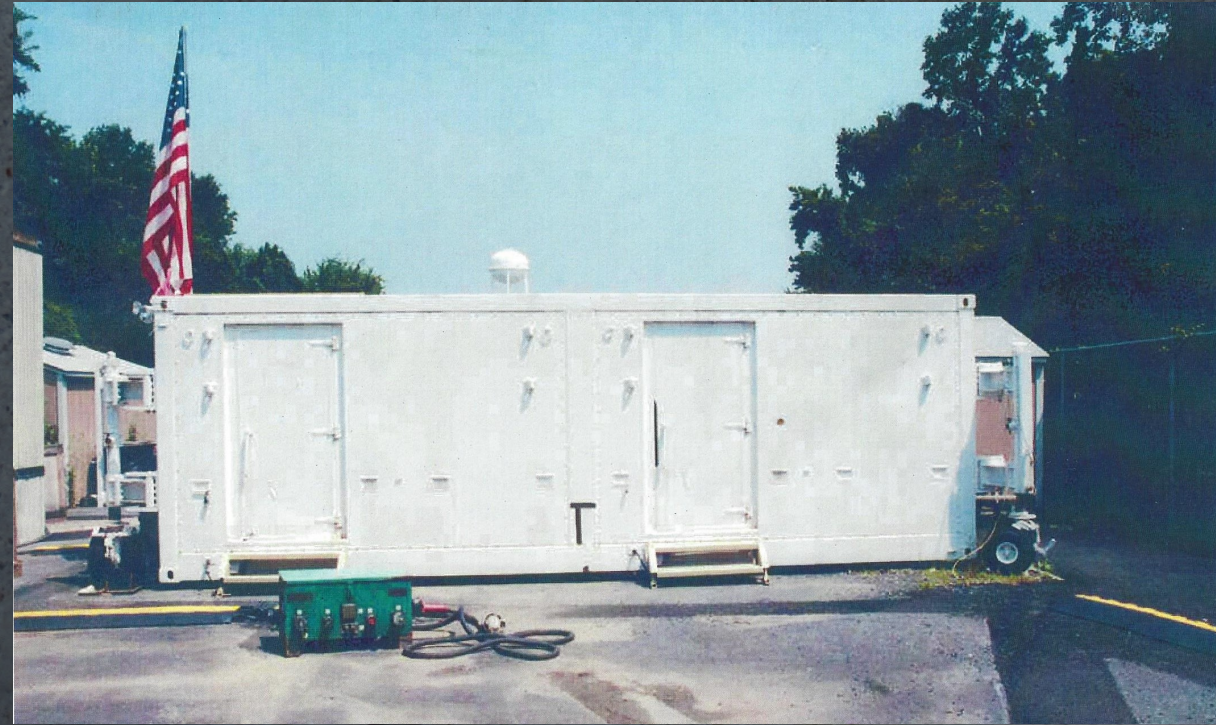
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HOW A TEAM OF RENEGADES BROKE RULES,
SHATTERED BARRIERS AND LAUNCHED
THE DRONE WARFARE REVOLUTION

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- Inside Story about the worst kept secret in America...
- CIA/USAF Predator operations
- 2000-2002 timeframe





MARK COOTER

- Retired Colonel, Intelligence Officer
- 30+ years ISR Experience
- USAF Predator Squadron Operations Officer for Program
- Air Staff Lead Action Officer and Detailed to CIA
- Awarded National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal



ALEC BIERBAUER

- 30+ years of Counterterrorism and Counterterrorism Experience
- CIA Clandestine Service Case Officer
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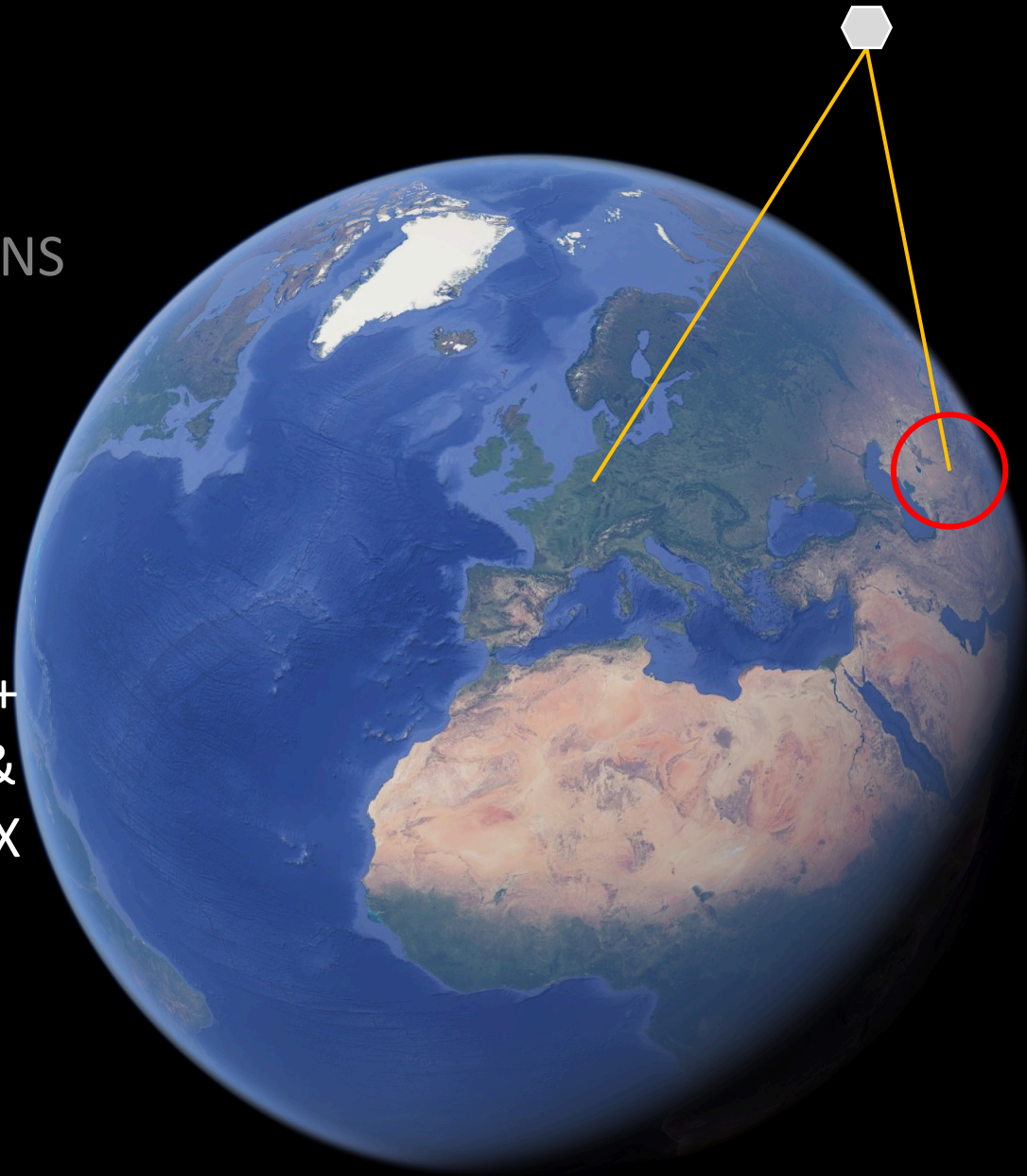


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2000

- Innovated 1st Predator split operations
- Without any support assets, penetrated and operated in Afghan airspace
- Innovated FMV exploitation
- Dynamic collection management
- Conducted 15 missions
 - Found bin Laden
 - Use of SA/threat tools
 - Multiple incidents with MiG-21 aircraft
 - Within SA-3 range
 - Developed several AQ and Taliban targets
 - HUMINT source vetting





2001-2002

- Developments
 - Hellfire and mods
 - Remote Split Operations
 - ARC-210 radio use
 - Gray paint scheme
 - Initial SIGINT
 - Rover
- Began redeployment prior to 9/11
- Airlift began 12 Sep 2001
- 1st flight 17 Sep 2001
- Survived SA-3 launch
- 1st combat Hellfire shot on OEF first night
- 50+ Hellfire shots and multiple buddy lases, talk-ons, etc.
- AQ CT and Taliban military targets
- Mar 2002, 15 continuous hours over Takur Ghar, "Roberts Ridge"
 - Hellfire shots, buddy lases including French Mirage
- Very little in AF history



- Proudest moment in our careers
- Our aircraft is in the Smithsonian, but it's about the people
- ...“very premise is currently and properly classified”
- Took 39 months to get through security review



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