

786 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

786 Security Forces Squadron

STATIONS

Sembach AB, Germany

ASSIGNMENTS

86 Security Force Group

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Sable, a lightning flash bend sinister point to dexter base Gules between in base a winged sword point up Silver Gray handled Azure, pommeled and guarded Or, surmounted at the tip by a scroll of the last, in chief a parachute of the third, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "COURAGE IN ADVERSITY" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "786TH SECURITY FORCES SQ" in Black letters.

SIGNIFICANCE: Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to

the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The black background indicates the unit's ability to perform its mission under any and all situations. The parachute is symbolic of the type of rapid deployment mission entrusted to the unit. The winged sword and scroll signify force protection through knowledge, experience and honor.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

At 2015Z March 26, 2003, Air Force history was made when members of the 86 CRG, including 18 jumpers from the 786 SFS (14 of which were SF. In addition there was 1 medic, 1 intel, 1 Fuels, and 1 CE also in the SFS, as they are a multi-AFSC squadron) under command of Major Erik Rundquist, made the first Air Force combat parachute assault along with about 1,000 paratroopers of the Army's 173 Airborne Brigade onto Bashur Airfield in mountainous northern Iraq and was the largest airborne assault since Operation JUST CAUSE in 1989. The mission, according to 86 CRG Commander Colonel Steven Weart (who jumped into Bashur with his troops) was to —support the 173 Airborne Brigade and its buildup of combat power. As the 86 CRG prepared the 7,000-foot runway to receive the first transport aircraft, the group's Security Forces controlled the runway and ramp, while 173rd Airborne soldiers and Iraqi Kurd Peshmurga fighters protected the airfield's perimeter. By April 9th the approximately 200 Airmen stationed at Bashur were handling around 1 million pounds of cargo a day.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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