

8 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



MISSION

8 Security Forces Squadron protect, defend, and fight to enable Air Force, Joint, and Coalition missions. Responsible for police services supporting 3,100+ personnel and the physical security of three combat-ready F-16 squadrons and conventional weapons storage areas. Maintains wartime readiness for Air Base Defense, increased security for aircraft generation, and the protection of \$3.6 billion in critical assets. Provides effective command and control for a combined wartime defense force of 22,000+ United States and Republic of Korea Airmen and Soldiers.

LINEAGE

8 Air Police Squadron, Fighter, Single Engine constituted, 10 Aug 1948

Activated, 18 Aug 1948

Redesignated 8 Air Police Squadron, Fighter, Jet, 1 Jan 1950

Redesignated 8 Air Police Squadron, 20 Jan 1950

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1957

Activated, 1 Dec 1965

Organized, 8 Dec 1965

Redesignated 8 Security Police Squadron, 15 May 1967

Redesignated 8 Security Forces Squadron, 1 Jul 1997

STATIONS

Ashiya Airfield, Japan , 18 Aug 1948

Itazuke Airfield (later Air Base), Japan, 25 Mar 1949

Pyongyang, North Korea, 1 Dec 1950

Seoul Airfield, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950
Itazuke Air Base, Japan, 10 Dec 1950
Kimpo Air Base, South Korea, 18 May 1951
Suwon Air Base, South Korea, 20 Aug 1951
Itazuke Air Base, Japan, 19 Oct 1954 - 1 Oct 1957
Ubon Airfield (later, Ubon Royal Thai AFB), Thailand, 8 Dec 1965
Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, 16 Sep 1974 - current

ASSIGNMENTS

8 Air Base Group, 18 Aug 1948 - 1 Oct 1957
8 Combat Support Group (later 8 Mission Support Group), 8 Dec 1965

COMMANDERS

1st Lt Floyd Herbert, 18 Aug 1948
1st Lt Patrick C. Jones, Dec 1948
Capt James M. Lane, Jan 1949
Capt Robert L. Lee, 25 Mar 1949
Capt Joseph D. Kelly, Jul 1949
1st Lt Eugene Mcilroy, 26 Apr 1950
Capt Donald E. Carrell, 17 Oct 1950
Capt Frank E. Morley, 1 Dec 1950
Maj James K. Snoddy, Jun 1951
Capt Richard F. Strange, May 1952
Capt George F. Campbell, Jul 1952
Lt Col Daniel M. Timmens, 22 May 1953
Maj Marion A. Lund 17 Sep 1953
Maj Gerald F. Baumgardner, Oct 1954
Capt James M. Lugar, 26 Mar 1955
Maj William V. Wright, 6 Oct 1955
Capt Harrel L. Nunn, 21 Mar 1957
Maj Wallace W. Young, 10 Aug 1957
Maj James O. Bell, 1 Dec 1965
Capt Thomas K. Irwin Iii, 31 Aug 1966
1st Lt Thomas P. Lippay, 1 Sep 1966
Maj David F. Frerree, 27 Sep 1966
Maj Robert S Espiritu, 3 Oct 1966
Maj William M. Condie, 29 Aug 1967
Maj Troy L. Tucker, 30 Sep 1968
Maj Eugene A. Lamar, 15 Aug 1969
Capt David P. Mills, 12 Oct 1969
Capt John R. O'leary, 1 May 1970
Maj Norman B. Hess, 15 Jun 1970
Capt Gerald McCormick, 26 May 1971
Maj Joseph M. Conroy, 5 Jun 1971

Lt Col Robert J. Foy, 4 Mar 1972
Maj Allan E. Medsker, 1 Jun 1972
Maj Martin N. Donley, 7 Mar 1973
Capt Bernard R. Boucek, 4 Oct 1973
Maj Dean J. Tollstrup, 5 Oct 1973
Maj David W. Parr, 8 Nov 1973
Capt Ralph G. Beckett, 9 Nov 1973
Maj Richard D. Park, 10 Jan 1974
Capt Milton E. Abbott, 11 Jan 1975
Maj Robert G. Chandler, 31 Jan 1975
Maj Dudley R. Dewar, 25 Apr 1975
Capt Paul W. Porter, 20 Feb 1976
Maj Hart J. Guenther, 2 Mar 1976
Maj William F. Dowd, 12 Feb 1977
Maj Robert J. Hansel, 17 Feb 1978
Maj Woodrow R. Pentecost, 13 Feb 1979
Lt Col Byron C. Burson, 19 Oct 1979
Maj David M. Taylor, 4 Oct 1980
Maj Douglas L. Patten, 16 Oct 1981
Lt Col Theodis Pickett, Aug 1982
Maj Edward Mills, 15 Aug 1983
Maj Allen L. Pack, 9 Aug 1984
Maj James E. Abbott, Aug 1985
Lt Col Frederick B. Power, Aug 1986
Lt Col Wayne E. Pursur, Jul 1987
Col Kenneth L. Brady, 31 Aug 1988
Capt F.L Maguire, 28 Jul 1989
Maj Donald J. Collins, 11 Aug 1989
Unknown, Aug 1990
Unknown, Aug 1991
Lt Col John S. Costello, Jun 1992
Lt Col Thomas A. Barrett, 21 Jul 1993
Lt Col Sherry D. Webb, Jul 1994
Lt Col Richard K. Eldard, 12 Jul 1995
Lt Col Michael Moreland, 7 Aug 1996
Lt Col Colleen M. Duffy, 29 Jul 1997
Lt Col Edward N. Addison, 25 Jun 1998
Lt Col John R. Detnick, 22 Jun 1999
Lt Col Jennifer Hansell, 19 Jun 2000
Lt Col Clifford E. Day, 26 Jun 2001
Lt Col David W. Martinez, 17 Jun 2002
Lt Col Donald R. Wahonick Jr., 11 Jun 2003
Lt Col Ken Holiday, 18 Jun 2004
Lt Col Jeffrey R. Hunt, 20 Jun 2005

Lt Col Paul J. Kasuda, 21 Jun 2006
Lt Col Mark Eichin, 4 Jun 2007
Lt Col John P. Newbill, 6 Jun 2008
Lt Colonel Marc A. Sheie, 20 Jun 2008
Lt Col Robert C. Frederiksen, 10 Jul 2009
Lt Col Mark Anarumo, 2 Jul 2010
Capt Michael Wetlesen, 13 Jun 2011
Lt Col John D. Swift, 22 Jun 2011
Lt Col Nathan Schalles, 13 Jun 2012
Lt Col Erik Bruce, 13 Jun 2013
Lt Col Ian Dinesen, 11 Jun 2014
Lt Col Benjamin R. Jacobson, 26 Jun 2015
Lt Col Enrico Venditti, Jr., 24 Jun 2016

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

CCF intervention 3 Nov 1950-24 Jan 1951
CCF Spring Offensive, 22 Apr 1951-8 Jul 1951
UN Summer-Fall Offensive
Second Korean Winter
Korea Summer-Fall, 1952
Third Korean Winter
Korean Summer-Fall, 1953

Vietnam Air Counteroffensive, 31 Jan 1966-28 Jun 1966
Vietnam Air Offensive, 29 Jun 1966-08 Mar 1967
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II, 9 Mar 1967-31 Mar 1968
Vietnam Air Ground, 22 Jan 1968-7 Jul 1968
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III, 1 Apr 1968-31 Oct 1968
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV, 1 Nov 1968-22 Feb 1969
Tet Counteroffensive, 30 Jan 1968-1 Apr 1968
Vietnam Summer Fall, 9 Jun 1969-31 Oct 1969
Vietnam Winter Spring 1970, 1 Nov 1969-30 Apr 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive, 1 May 1970-30 Jun 1970
Southwest Monsoon, 1 Jul 1970-30 Nov 1970
Commando Hunt V, 1 Dec 1970-14 May 1971
Commando Hunt VI, 15 May 1971-31 Oct 1971
Commando Hunt VII, 1 Nov 1971-29 Mar 1972
Vietnam Cease Fire, 30 Mar 1972-28 Mar 1973

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation:

8 Jun 1966-16 Apr 1967
16 Dec 1966-2 Jan 1967
6 Mar 1968-31 Jul 1969
1 Jan 1971-1 Apr 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

16 Dec 1965-15 Dec 1966
1 Apr 1968-30 Sep 1968
1 Jan 1970-31 Dec 1970
1 Oct 1971-31 Mar 1972
1 Apr 1972-22 Oct 1972
18 Dec 1972-15 Aug 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Apr 1977 – 31 Mar 1978
1 Jun 1986 - 31 May 1988
1 Aug 1995 – 31 Jul 1997
1 Oct 2003 - 30 Sep 2005
1 Oct 2005 - 30 Sep 2007
1 Nov 2009 - 31 Oct 2011

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation:

27 Jun 1950-31 Jan 1951
1 Feb 1951-31 Mar 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm

16 Dec 1966-28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM



A disc edged with a narrow black border, the background divided per bend yellow and blue, in bend a red lightning bolt throughout between a pair of green scales above and a Korean dragon's head below (medium blue and green garnished yellow, white and black, langed red). **SIGNIFICANCE:** The lightning bolt cutting diagonally across the center of the emblem is symbolic of the swiftness with which the 8 Security Police Squadron responds to any calling. The dragon in the lower right side is a Korean symbol which represents peace and happiness. The scales of justice are symbolic of not only the law enforcement and justice system but also of the delicate relationship existing between the peaceful co-existence and readiness of response to any contingency. (Approved, 10 Jan 1978)

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OPERATIONS

Served in Southeast Asia, 1965-74

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