

6963 AIR POLICE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Brooks AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1953-1 Aug 1953

Kelly AFB, TX, 1 Aug 1953-1 Apr 1966

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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MOTTO

OPERATIONS

To facilitate compliance with Air Force and Department of Defense security directives for handling and safeguarding special intelligence classified information, Air Force Security Service maintained its own air police force. In 1953, the command activated the 6963rd Air Police Squadron, which provided trained and appropriately cleared air policemen worldwide to protect USAFSS restricted area operations facilities and special intelligence materials.

Commencing with the move of HQ USAFSS from Brooks AFB to Kelly AFB in 1953, the command activated multiple support squadrons on Security Hill at Kelly—most had supported USAFSS earlier at Brooks. Created units included the 6960th Support Squadron, 6961st Comm Squadron, 6962nd Supply Squadron, 6963rd Air Police Squadron and the 6965th Support Squadron. Three decades later (February 1983), the 6960th Security Police Squadron's cadre was reestablished as the "Special Security Guard," replacing the command's familiar "Elite Guard."

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