

114th SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

MISSION

The mission of the 114th Security Forces Squadron is to augment the host base weapon system security functions to enable them to support additional workloads generated by the assignment of additional tactical aircraft.

LINEAGE

114th Weapons Systems Security Flight
Redesignated 114th Security Forces Squadron

STATIONS

Sioux Falls, SD

ASSIGNMENTS

114th Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

John Berhiem, #1986
Maj Clark W. Baker #1996
Capt. Joe Hardin

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

In the beginning the SDANG did not have the specialty schools that it has today. Security consisted of available personnel regardless if that was your "job". If you were available, you pulled security. Although we did not have the specialty training, our unit was always proud and in the top running of all Air Guard units. The present SDANG Security Program has carried on that tradition.

In 1976 the SDANG and the State of South Dakota entered into an agreement with the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Department to provide 24 hour continuous security coverage. World conditions dictated this. While Algonquin Street was previously open to traffic, now the entire base and airport is completely enclosed. Initially ten deputies were hired under the Joint Security Protection Agreement. Over the ensuing years the number of employees has ranged from ten up to eighteen. At the present time there are eleven full time security officers working under the agreement.

To enhance the existing program, eleven AGR security policemen were placed on active duty in March and April of 1994. One of the missions of our AGR force is Weapon System Protection, no matter where our aircraft go. Because of this, we send members on most deployments. With the two combined forces, security coverage has improved immensely. With the additional strength, our squadron strength increased to 44 security police, seven law enforcement, four CATM, and two admin/ personnel.

The peacetime mission of the 114th Security Police Squadron is to provide protection for the operational resources assigned to the SDANG. The wartime mission is to deploy to any location worldwide to perform an airbase ground defense role. Our training is intense and very physical. For years females were allowed in Law Enforcement, but riot Security. The first female in Security was Angela (Wieczorek) Openhowski. Women are now integrated into the full security force.

The 114th Security Police Squadron participates in several other roles as well: Peacekeeper Challenge, international marksmanship training, US Customs, drug interdiction, Presidential Secret Service assistance, prisoner transfer, vehicle registration, military security clearances, pass/ID, base wide CATM instruction, base law enforcement, and international autovon operator.

To date, four Security Police members have participated in the Peacekeeper Challenge competition. The 1995 team finished second overall, the highest placing for an Air Guard team in the history of the Challenge.

Security Police has always been the focal point for pistol and rifle matches, even though shooters come from throughout the organization. We have won many national and

international competitions. On a local and personal level, we began an annual Donald E. Cleland Combat Pistol Match in 1988. Don was a dedicated guardsman, outstanding competitor, mentor to many and wonderful person. He passed away January 6, 1986, and this match keeps his memory alive.

The 114th Security Forces Squadron continued their tradition of excellence by deploying and supporting operations in Panama, Iraq, Jordan and Tucson, Ariz., as well as training at the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center, Miss., Ft. Bliss, Texas and the Volk Field CRTC, Wis. The most recent operation in Jordan was in support of the Falcon Air Meet, an F-16 operational exercise that included aircraft from Shaw Air Force Base, Va., the U.S. Navy and several allied countries. The 114th SFS provided security to all personnel and aircraft participating in the exercise working alongside the host nation Army and Air Force. A unique experience for all who served in Jordan, the Airmen of the 114th SFS were great ambassadors for the Air National Guard. Security Forces personnel provided weapons and tactical training to the Ready Augmentee Team at Camp Rapid, ensuring their readiness on short notice to support Security Forces and the 114th FW. 114th SFS Airmen at Joe Foss Field continue to provide outstanding security in their day to day mission and remain ready to deploy anytime, anywhere. Staff Sgt. Tim Smith and Tech. Sgt. Greg Peterson were recognized as Distinguished Graduates from the Combat Arms Apprentice Course and the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.

VOLK FIELD, Wis. – The 114th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) sent 47 members to Volk Field, Wis., for annual training January 3-17. SFS was joined by Capt. Kevin Miller, Ready Augmentee commander, who participated alongside its members in all scenarios. In addition, eight members of the Services Flight and one motivated Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harrison Lippert also made the trek. The training focus for Security Forces was on weapons training, SFS common job skills and many other tasks specific to the SFS mission. “The emphasis of our annual training was on the law enforcement functions of security forces,” said Capt. Joe Hardin, squadron commander.

“That was one of the major roles that we assumed on our last overseas deployment. Another important part of the training dealt with responding, securing and managing major accidents and incidents. Very important training as we head into two significant events, the Sioux Falls Air Show and the Unit Compliance Inspection.” SFS utilized some of the latest technology-based virtual trainers provided by the Wisconsin National Guard’s Combat Readiness Training Center. The Warrior Skills Trainer provided scenarios on a giant video screen, troops patrolled in a humvee with a mounted .50-caliber machine gun, combat convoy operations as well as fire team training.

The Engagement Skills Trainer provided valuable tactical shoot-don’t-shoot training with multiple weapon systems while working as a squad-fire team. The Wisconsin Counterdrug program’s newly constructed High Risk Entry Facility provided the location for SFS members to put it all together for an outstanding operational finish. The Services Flight, led by Senior Master Sgt. Scott Schaeffer, took over the kitchen at Volk Field and provided 946 meals to the Airmen. Its valuable training in meal planning and execution was concluded with a steak fry at the Volk Field Club 2009

THE 114TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON continued their tradition of excellence by deploying to and supporting operations in Tucson, Ariz., as well as responding to the flood in Pierre and Dakota Dunes. Members conducted levee patrol, traffic control and overall security of personnel during these deployments, ensuring a safe operational environment. Training was also conducted at Camp Rapid for the base Ready Augmentee Team. Training consisted of weapons qualification on the new M-4 and the M-9.

The RAT is extremely vital to the installation as they are considered first responders to any major incident which may occur. The 114th training section ensures these dedicated individuals are trained to security forces requirements such as response to active shooter, aircraft incidents, riot control and confrontation management. Weapons qualification and training were also conducted at Fort McCoy, Wis., for all members of the 114th SFS. Qualification was conducted on all assigned weapons systems, which include the M-240/M-249, M-203, M-4 and M-9.

Several individuals attended the combat leaders course at Camp Bullis, Texas. One provided instruction for deploying security forces members, both active and reserve, with the 204th Security Forces Squadron located at Fort Bliss, Texas. The training section implemented a new mentoring process for individuals enrolled in the career development course, which resulted in 30 out of 30 personnel successfully completing their end of course exams.

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