

163 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

163 Security Police Squadron
163 Security Forces Squadron

STATIONS

March ARB, CA

ASSIGNMENTS

163 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

Maj Tim Tierney
LTC Carlos Girard

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

163 SPS deployed 48 personnel to support active duty US Army personnel in Panama. 27 Feb 1993.

The primary focus of the 163rd Security Forces Squadron was the deployment of nearly half its personnel to Baghdad as well as the support of detainee-transport security operations at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In Iraq, unit members conducted air base ground defense missions. In addition, the squadron provided wildfire hand crew personnel during Operation Lightning Strike.

0500 Feb 4, 2012. The 163d Security Forces Squadron Commander, Lt, Col. Carlos Girard, made contact with Major Jassen Bluto to initiate a state recall deployment exercise to include four wings. "We want to make sure that tile capabilities that we have written into a plan are executed," said Lt Col. Girard With 115 personnel total (26 from each wing and a headquarters element), the 163d SFS took the lead and tested their abilities. "I remember when the TAG visited the 163d RW and said that he wanted SFS to develop a plan to get mobilized, deploy within 24 hours, and be able to sustain operations for three days." From that directive, a plan was devised, vetted, and checklists were made. Maj. Bluto continued by saying, "This is a self-initiated exercise, so the leadership from all four security force units sat down at the Senior Leadership Conference and accomplished what our leadership requested," Lt. Col, Girard added, "We only have 12 hours to breach the walls of our base to be able to meet our deadline; 12 hours at home station and 12 hours to get to our location." One of the major challenges for the 163d SFS is getting through the myriad of checklists; to include vehicles, medical qualifications, weapons, equipment, food, and lodging. "I've learned that I need to be ready because you never know when you will get the call," 163 SFS member-SrA Courtney Rice stated. SrA Delana Acuna, 163 SFS Scribe, was tasked to record the exercise and realized through the experience that there were more than just checklists to accomplish.

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