

433 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



MISSION

Provide trained security personnel to protect deployed weapon systems against sabotage and enlarge a base defense force. Provide force protection for deployed locations as a Main Operating Base, Standby Base, Limited Base, Co-located Operating Base or Bare Base. Operate in a joint service environment to include host nation forces at all levels of conflict to include military operations other than war.

LINEAGE

433 Air Police Squadron constituted, 6 Sep 1950

Activated in the Reserve, 9 Sep 1950

Ordered to Active Service, 15 Oct 1950

Relieved from Active Duty, 3 Jul 1952

Inactivated, 14 Jul 1952

Activated in the Reserve, 18 May 1955

Discontinued and inactivated, 17 Jan 1963

433 Weapons System Security Flight constituted, 18 Jun 1976

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jul 1976

433 Air Police Squadron and 433 Weapons System Security Flight consolidated, 12 Oct 1984.

Consolidated unit designated 433 Weapons System Security Flight

Redesignated 433 Security Police Flight, 15 Aug 1988

Redesignated 433 Security Police Squadron, 1 Oct 1992

Redesignated 433 Security Forces Squadron, 1 Jul 1997

STATIONS

Cleveland Muni Aprt, OH, 9 Sep 1950
Greenville (later, Donaldson) AFB, SC, 15 Oct 1950-20 Jul 1951
Rhein-Main AB, West Germany, 5 Aug 1951-14 Jul 1952
Brooks AFB, TX, 18 May 1955
Kelly AFB, TX, 1 Nov 1960-17 Jan 1963
Kelly AFB (later, Kelly Fld Annex, Lackland AFB). TX, 1 Jul 1976

ASSIGNMENTS

433 Air Base Group, 9 Sep 1950-14 Jul 1952
433 Air Base Group, 18 May 1955-17 Jan 1963
433 Combat Support Squadron, 1 Jul 1976
433 Air Base (later, 433 Combat Support: 433 Support) Group, 1 Dec 1985
433 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
16 Jul 1977-15 Jul 1979
1 Oct 1981-30 Sep 1983
1 Oct 1986-30 Sep 1988

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OPERATIONS

1991 During the last quarter, the 433d Security Police Flight deployed two different groups to very sensitive locations. The first group of four members went TDY to Roosevelt Road Naval Air Station, Puerto Rico, in support of the National Drug Intervention Team. The second group of five SPF members deployed TDY to Puenta Borenquen Airport, Puerto Rico, for the same type of mission.

1993 More than 80 reserve security police specialists endured a grueling two-week ground defense course at the Air Force Reserve's Ground Combat Readiness Center, Camp Swift National Guard Training Center near Austin, Texas. The exercise, code named "Patriot Warrior," was designed to hone air base ground defense skills through a combination of classroom instruction and practical applications and culminating with a three-day field training exercise.

"The first six days focused primarily on academic instruction, with each task being followed up with a practical application exercise," said MSgt David A. Holman, a security technician with the 433d Security Police Flight and former instructor at Patriot Warrior. Thirty-six security police deployed from the 433 SPF and another 22 from the 8085 SPF. Additionally, ten reservists assigned to the 442 SPF at Richards Gebaur AFB, Missouri, and the 445 SPF at March AFB, California, deployed.

Also during the first week, reservists trained in various skills, including day and night patrolling and firing various weapons, assault and tactics techniques and throwing live hand grenades. "Everyone had an opportunity to throw a live high-explosive fragment grenade the first week," said Major Steve Saindon, deputy commander for the Ground Combat Readiness Center. "You can't appreciate the repercussive power of a grenade until you've witnessed a live fire. The entire ground shakes under your feet."

By the time the first weekend arrived, the reservists were ready for Fort Hood where they received training in military operations on urbanized terrain (MOUT) at a \$10 million cement "city". For many, this was the highlight of their two-week training, providing essential skills for day-to-day security operations, according to SMSgt John Childers, 8085 SPF superintendent. "During MOUT, security police learned to safely move through hostile city streets and to clear buildings," said Holman. "They planned their assault, captured the city from the 'enemy', and defended it for one night from attack while enduring harassment and psychological warfare."

Upon returning to Camp Swift, everyone from the commanders down were required to take the skills developed from the previous week's training and implement them during a three-day field training exercise, complete with conventional and chemical "attacks" by aggressor forces. "The final exercise tested cumulative skills through a mock war scenario where we defined our sector and conducted aggressive defense through patrolling for the enemy," said Holman. "The reservists had been through other programs that evaluated skills they already had, but this one taught new skills and put them to the test in those skills."

The 8085th Security Police Flight participated in the fifth Hog Assault in September. The Hog Assault involved Security Police from all units around San Antonio meeting on addition to the water purification systems, aircrews transported water trucks; military vehicles and more than 84 soldiers into the flood ravaged Midwest.

During the early part of the year forty-six members of the 433d Security Police Squadron and five members of the 433d Aeromedical Staging Squadron invaded Camp Swift near Austin, Texas. The members participated in a three-day training mission. The training improved vital security police and medical skills.

"We chose six wartime skills we needed critical training in," said MSgt David A. Holman, 433 SPS, Air Reserve Technician. "We trained in night operations using infrared early warning devices and various types of flares. We also tested our reaction to simulated indirect fire such as mortar or

artillery fire." The 433 ASTS provided medical support in case of any real world injuries, according to Colonel Barbara L. Barnes, commander.

"One medic assignment was to a squad with a medical back pack, while another was assigned to a roving ambulance," said Barnes. "They provided treatment for hypothermia, eye injuries, dehydration, sprained ankles, and abrasions. This real world care of injured soldiers in primitive conditions gave the medics experience and training for what they will encounter if mobilized."

The police divided into squads so smaller groups rotated into all of the different areas of training. One scenario made a small defensive line with three gun emplacements and installed field telephones at each location. One squad of security police defended this line while they were in their chemical warfare gear.

The 433 Security Police Squadron worked with the unit to train the 433 ASTS personnel on security matters and challenged their security capabilities. Several terrorist scenarios were presented including enemy infiltration, bomb threats and hostage situations.

The 433d Security Forces Squadron deployed on their annual tour to Fort Dix, New Jersey in May, participating in an exercise designed to train them in setting up operations to protect an airfield from terrorist threats. The Security Forces Contingency Support Operations Course was made up of both active-duty and reserve forces from several different Air Force installations. "The main point of the exercise was to be able to go into a bare base environment and set up an integrated defense system so aircraft operations could occur," said TSgt Brent Carson. "We had to combine three SF flights, a headquarters element, representatives from explosive ordnance disposal, civil engineering and other services. "It was important to be able to come together as quickly as possible and communications was key," he said. By the end of the exercise, each of the three squads from the wing had patrolled, been stationed at defensive fighting positions and had guarded entry control points.

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