

434 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



MISSION

The 434 Security Forces Squadron provides peace and wartime force protection to installation and deployed personnel and weapon systems against hostile forces and sabotage. This squadron is trained and equipped for deployment worldwide to bare base operations with minimum notice.

LINEAGE

434 Air Police Squadron constituted, 8 Sep 1950
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1950
Ordered to Active Service, 1 May 1951
Relieved from Active Duty, 15 Dec 1952
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1953
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Feb 1953
Ordered to Active Service, 28 Oct 1962
Relieved from Active Duty, 28 Nov 1962
Discontinued, and inactivated, 11 Feb 1963
Redesignated 434 Security Police Squadron, 12 Oct 1984
Redesignated 434 Weapons System Security Flight, 25 Nov 1986
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Dec 1986
Redesignated 434 Security Police Flight, 15 Aug 1988
Redesignated 434 Security Police Squadron, 1 Oct 1992
Redesignated 434 Security Forces Squadron, 1 Jul 1997

STATIONS

Atterbury AFB, IN, 1 Oct 1950

Lawson AFB, GA, 23 Jan 1952 – 1 Feb 1953

Atterbury (later Bakalar) AFB, IN, 1 Feb 1953 – 11 Feb 1963

Grissom AFB, IN, 1 Dec 1986 – 1 Jul 1987

Grissom AFB (later, ARB), IN, 1 Aug 1992

ASSIGNMENTS

434 Air Base Group, 1 Oct 1950 – 1 Feb 1953

434 Air Base Group, 1 Feb 1953 – 11 Feb 1963

434 Combat Support (later, 434 Support) Group, 1 Dec 1986 – 1 Feb 1992

434 Mission Support Group, 1 Feb 1992

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Matthew S. Garvelink

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Sept 1988 – 31 Aug 1990

1 June 1992 – 31 Aug 1993

1 Sept 1994 – 31 Aug 1996

1 Oct 1998 – 30 Sept 2000

1 Oct 2000 – 30 Sept 2002

Air Force Meritorious Unit Award

1 Oct 2017 – 30 Sept 2019

EMBLEM



The 434th Security Forces Squadron emblem consists of three distinctive elements on a shield of Olive-Drab. The element positioned in dexter-chief consists of a musket and sling with four barrel bands, oriented in the vertical. The lightning bolt element bisects the shield from the sinister-chief to a terminating point in dexter-base of the shield. The hatchet/axe element, positioned in the sinister-base, has three feathers attached to the handle and four grip bands and is oriented in the vertical. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The musket and sling represents the Squadron's duty of security, defense, and precision capabilities. The lightning bolt represents the power projection of the Squadron and Air Force to conduct operations anywhere, at any time. The hatchet/axe represents honor, heritage, and justice of the Squadron. The four barrel bands on the musket represent the first "4" in 434th. The three feathers represents represent the "3" in 434th as well as the air minded foundation to mission and our wing's purpose of conducting flight operations. The four grip bands on the hatchet/axe represent the last "4" in 434th. The Air Force Yellow and Ultramarine Blue are the colors of the Air Force. The Ultramarine Blue and AF Yellow are representative of our service, setting us apart from sister branches. Olive Drab is for adaptability, prosperity and often joint nature of the Squadron mission. Black is for steel that represents fortitude and strength of the Squadron's Airmen. White is for wisdom, understanding and teamwork displayed by the Squadron's Airmen. Brown is for the ground based nature and operating environment of the Squadron. Blue lightning bolt signifies the law enforcement and security which are foundational to our mission both home-station and deployed.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

More than 20 members of the 434 Security Forces Squadron recently returned home from a six-month deployment to Iraq. The security forces members were welcomed here by a host of family friends, coworkers and commanders as they wrapped up their deployment. Following leave, the members will transition back to their civilian careers.

07/31/15 Roughly 50 Airmen from Grissom's 434 Security Forces Squadron and 434 Civil Engineering Squadron returned home from a 180-day deployment to Southwest Asia July 21-22. The members were greeted by friends and family, and their smiles and cheers pierced air as they watched the KC-135 taxi to the hangar. The family of Senior Airman Manuel Parades, a 434 SFS

fire team member, was among those holding signs anxiously waiting the deplaning of deployers. "What a great way to start the day," said Col. Doug Schwartz, 434 Air Refueling Wing commander. "Seeing the joyful reunions always warms your heart and brings to the forefront the sacrifices our members and their families make to serve our nation." "We had a lot of young people on this deployment," said Chief Master Sgt. Rickie King, 434 SFS manager. "It was really good for them to experience the mission on a day to day basis for 180 days." "I've waited a long time for this day," said Jessica Dill, who was waiting for her husband Master Sgt. Robert Dill III, 434 CES power production specialist, to arrive. "We've missed him so much." During their deployment the 434 CES team was attached to various missions throughout the Air Forces Central Command area of responsibility that supported Operations Enduring Freedom, Freedom's Sentinel and Inherent Resolve. One of those missions was providing water to an undisclosed base in Iraq, said Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Brill, 434 CES operations superintendent. "One of our biggest feats was building a well for the base," said Brill. "The base had been without water for 16 days when we arrived. The well we provided, allowed them to fill storage tanks that held 1.5 million gallons of water for military personnel and refugees housed at the base." "It felt good knowing that the work we did while we were there would continue to help people even after we were gone," said Senior Master Sgt. Nate Colborn, 434 CES heavy repair superintendent. "Everyone had a really good attitude throughout the deployment, but we are all glad to be back." The members arrived in Baltimore, Maryland, where they cleared customs before their final leg home to Grissom. After turning in equipment, they were released until later in the day for final in processing before beginning their recovery and leave time.

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Sources

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