

437 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



MISSION

The mission of the 437 Security Forces Squadron is to provide security protection for 52 C-17A valued at \$10.8 billion dollars and law enforcement for a population of 7600 military and 17000 military retirees. The unit also has a fly-away protection force of Phoenix Ravens deploying over 2000 temporary duty days per year protecting C-17's around the world. Our dedicated force of security professionals also protects wing resource assets valued at over \$2.6 billion dollars. The unit is comprised of 257 active duty military, civilian, and 52 Active Reserve personnel.

The unit is organized into five Functions and staff. Commanders Staff, Personnel, Intelligence, Operations and Training, Logistics and Plans and Programs

LINEAGE

437 Air Police Squadron
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STATIONS

Charleston AAF, SC, 1942
Baer Field, IN, 1943
O'Hare Field, IL, 1 Aug 1950
Shaw AFB, SC, 14 Aug-16 Oct 1950
Brady Field, Japan, 8 Nov 1950-10 Jun 1952
O'Hare Field, IL, 15 Jun 1952-16 Nov 1957
Charleston AFB, SC, 8 Jan 1966

ASSIGNMENTS

437 Air Base Group, 1 Aug 1950-10 Jun 1952

437 Air Base Group, 15 June 1952 - 16 Nov 1957
Military Air Transport Service, 27 Dec 1965
437 Air Base Group, 8 Jan 1966-1 Oct 1991
437 Support Group, 1 Oct 1991-1 Apr 1995
437 Mission Support Group, 1 Apr 1995–present

COMMANDERS

Maj John A. Taylor
LTC Phillip Riebman
Major Gregory D. Moultrie
Maj Lyle W. Cary, 1998
Maj Robert M. Eatman, 1999
Maj Jeffrey R. Hunt, 2000
Maj Paul D. Stang, 2003
LTC Seth J. McKee, 7 Sep 2006

HONORS

Service Streamers

EAME Theater (WWII)
Korean Theater (Korean War)

Campaign Streamers

Rome-Arno, 22 Jan 1944-9 Sep 1944
Normandy, 6 Jun 1944-24 Jul 1945
Southern France, 15 Aug 1944-14 Sep 1944
Rhineland, 15 Sep 1944-21 Mar 1945
Ardennes-Alsace, 16 Dec 1944-25 Jan 1945
Central Europe, 22 Mar 1945-11 May 1945
Antisubmarine, 1941-1945
Assault Landing Credit, 23-24 Mar 1951
CCF Intervention, 1950-1951
First UN Counteroffensive, 1951
CCF Spring Offensive, 22 Apr 1951-8 Jul 1951
Second Korean Winter, 1951-1952
Korea Summer-Fall, 1 May 1952-30 Nov 1952

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor
11 Sep 2001-30 Jun 2003

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

11 Jul 1966 - 10 Jul 1967
11 Jul 1967 - 10 Jul 1968
11 Jul 1968 - 12 Jun 1969
13 Jun 1969 - 12 Jun 1970
1 Jul 1972 - 30 Jun 1973
1 Jul 1982 - 30 Jun 1984
1 Jul 1984 - 30 Jun 1986
1 Jul 1988 - 30 Jun 1989
21 Sep 1989 - 31 Oct 1989
1 Jun 1989 - 30 Jun 1990
1 Jul 1993 - 30 Jun 1995
1 Jul 1995 - 30 Jun 1997
1 Jul 1997 - 30 Jun 1998
1 Jul 1998 - 30 Jun 2000

EMBLEM



437 Security Police Squadron emblem

437 Security Forces Squadron emblem: On a disc within a narrow yellow border an heraldic design blazoned as follows: Azure (grotto blue), a pentagon shape azure (ultramarine blue) fimbriated argent bearing a palmetto tree of the like, surmounted in base by a pair of keys saltirewise, with wards up or. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and golden yellow are the Air Force colors. The pentagon shape alludes to the Five-sided Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, which is famous for the defense of Charleston. The white palmetto tree was suggested by the South Carolina state flag, and the crossed keys symbolize the unit's mission of police security and protection. (Approved, 27 June 1975)

MOTTO

READY, WILLING, ABLE

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Since 9/11, the 437 SFS has supported both Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and as of 30 January 2007 has deployed over 900 Airmen supporting the Global War on Terror. The unit has been tasked on numerous occasions to support the United States Army on Police Transition Teams training Iraqi National Police and Confinement Operations. With the basic mission principles intact, the squadron has evolved through the years into a quality oriented organization, always called on first when there is a need for quick response to protect global assets.

In the past, mission have included deployments to Korea, Vietnam, Guyana, Haiti, Grenada, Operations Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Restore Hope, Continue Hope, Support Hope, Provide Relief, Vigilant Warrior, Maintain Democracy, Sea Signal, Provide Promise, Joint Endeavor, Shining Hope, Allied Force, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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