

452 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

452 Air Police Squadron constituted, 28 Jul 1950

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1950

Ordered to Active Service, 10 Aug 1950

Relieved from Active Duty and inactivated, 10 May 1952

Activated in the Reserve, 13 Jun 1952

Discontinued, and inactivated, 17 Jan 1963

452 Weapons System Security Flight constituted, 15 Jul 1976

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1976

452 Air Police Squadron and 452 Weapons System Security Flight consolidated, 12 Oct 1984

Consolidated organization designated 452 Weapons System Security Flight.

Redesignated 452 Security Police Flight, 15 Aug 1988

Redesignated 452 Security Police Squadron, 1 Oct 1992

Redesignated 452 Security Forces Squadron, 1 Jul 1997

STATIONS

Long Beach Muni Aprt, CA, 1 Aug 1950

George AFB, CA, 10 Aug-26 Oct 1950

Itazuke AB, Japan, 15 Nov 1950

Pusan-East AB, South Korea, 23 May 1951-10 May 1952

Long Beach Muni Aprt, CA, 13 Jun 1952

March AFB, CA, 1 Nov 1960-17 Jan 1963

March AFB (later, March ARB), CA, 1 Oct 1976

ASSIGNMENTS

452 Air Base Group, 1 Aug 1950-10 May 1952

452 Air Base Group, 13 Jun 1952-17 Jan 1963

452 Combat Support (later, 452 Support; 452 Mission Support) Group, 1 Oct 1976

COMMANDERS

Maj Christopher Torres, 15 Jun 2014

Maj Catherine M. Bonilla, 3 Nov 2015

Maj Marc Jean Rico Cicero, 10 Jan 2016

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Korea

CCF Spring Offensive

UN Summer-Fall Offensive

Second Korean Winter

Korea, Summer-Fall, 1952

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

[1 Oct] 1976-2 Oct 1977

1 Jul 1991-30 Jun 1993

1 Sep 1995-31 Aug 1996

1 Sep 1997-31 Aug 1999

1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004

1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2006

1 Oct 2008-30 Sep 2010

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

[15 Nov] 1950-27 Oct 1951

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OPERATIONS

The 452 Weapons System Security Flight (WSSF) activated in 1976 with an initial cadre of only ten people. That same year, the unit expanded to 49, including one officer and 48 enlisted. The 452 WSSF was a deployable flight used as closed-in security for resources at main operating bases in

traditional non-air base defense role. The 452 WSSF changed to the 452 Security Police Flight in 1992, the flight was upgraded to squadron, combining Combat Arms and adding a First Sergeant. The Combat Arms Section mission is to train the entire Wing in the proper use of firearms. To accomplish this enormous task, personnel work both UTAs each month. Combat Arms personnel also conduct weapons inspections and repairs, maintain the range, and ensure weapons safety at all times. Some of the deployments the unit was involved in over the years included Zweibrucken Air Base, Germany; Patriot Warrior at Camp Swift, Texas; the Persian Gulf for Desert Storm; and the Air Mobility Warf ar Center at Ft Dix, NJ.

In 1994, the 445 SPS at Norton AFB,CA, merged with the 445 SPS The 445 SPS was an associate unit without a mobility tasking nor the equipment necessary for wartime mission. This brought the unit's manning to nearly 100 people. The 452 SPS was tasked with converting a non-mobility equipped squadron into a fully equipped and trained mobility unit. The unit's first deployment after the merger was to Midland, TX, to participate in an Operational Readiness Exercise. Several months later, the unit completed its first Operational Readiness Inspection.

In May 1996, the 452 SPS took on another mission, now in a full time role. After the closure of March Air Force Base, the reserve wing became the host unit of the newly created March Air Reserve Base. With this responsibility came the addition of 56 full time Security Police Air Reserve Technicians (ARTs). This addition created the only all ART Base Operating Support (BOS) security force in the Air Force Reserve Command.

The BOS Security Forces uphold the law, protect Air Force resources, and ensure the safety of all personnel at March ARB on a full time basis. Security Forces personnel are generally the initial responders in the time on need, be it medical or personal assistance. In a sense, the Security Forces are the base's concierge—we greet you in the morning, and we see you on your way home at night.

hi 1997, the unit gained two more Unit Tasking Codes. The 452 SPS added a deploy able Security Police Squadron Headquarters and a Security Forces Liaison Team.

The mobility mission of the squadron encompasses air base defense. The squadron trains to protect weapon systems from ground and air threats that could damage, destroy, or compromise the wartime capability of the United States Air Force. Unit capabilities include securing deployed weapons systems, manning security posts, patrol and defensive fighting positions, and providing sector response forces. The air base defense deployable Squadron Headquarters provides command and control to the security forces.

In October 1997, the squadron again changed its name to the 452 Security Forces Squadron (SFS) to align with the Force Protection Program. Today's 452 SFS is authorized more than 100 people, and is tasked with four mobility Unit Tasking Codes and full time security of March Air Reserve Base.

2-10 Jun 2016 The 452 SFS received training from the U.S. Marines at Marine Corps Base,

Camp Pendleton, utilizing the bases combat towns and large weapon firing range. Marine instructors guided the Airmen from basic to advanced drills in order to assist Airmen to excel in their proficiency of these tasks, which included enemy and hostage scenarios.

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