

732 EXPEDITIONARY SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

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Leaving a Legacy: According to a release detailing probably the last change of command for the 732nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron in Iraq as US forces drawdown this year, the unit has completed 3,000 mounted and 140 dismounted outside-the-wire missions over some 79,000 miles "of the most contested operating environment in Baghdad, managing also to train 7,000 Iraqi policemen and build up 148 police stations. During this action since 2006, the 500-person unit has seen five airmen killed and several injured. It's been called the "largest and bloodiest" Air Force squadron in Iraq. The unit's new commander, Lt. Col. Dustin Sutton, said: "The 732nd has a

rich history here. We provide law and order and are essential in police mentoring missions that are dynamic and dangerous and we complete them flawlessly." 2010

Mission Complete: The 732nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at Joint Base Balad in Iraq has completed its mission after five years. "To my knowledge [this is] the most heavily combat engaged, highly decorated security forces unit in Air Force history," said Col. David Marttala, commander of the 732nd Air Expeditionary Group, during the unit's inactivation ceremony July 31. The squadron oversaw the Air Force's military working dog teams, law and order teams, and police transition teams in Iraq. It has "maintained the deployed footprint of more than 500 [joint expeditionary tasking security forces] airmen at more than 20 locations, executing some of the most unique, dangerous, and strategically important missions in Iraq," said Marttala. During its tenure, five of its airmen lost their lives performing their mission. 2010

Security Forces Unit Inactivated. The 732nd Security Forces Squadron, Det. 3, at Camp Tiji, Iraq, was inactivated during a ceremony July 3. The detachment worked with the Iraqi police so the Iraqi army could move away from the cities toward the border, according to a base release. The police transition mission, which historically belonged to the US Army, is new for the Air Force, although USAF is looking at making it a core competency for security forces airmen. The 824th Security Forces Squadron from Moody AFB, Ga., was the first team to fill that role when it stood up as Det. 7 in 2006. The detachment and the Iraqi police provided security for six million people in half of Baghdad and the surrounding areas. Four of the eight security forces airmen who died during the war were assigned to Det. 3. 2010

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