

824 BASE DEFENSE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

824 Air Police Squadron constituted, 15 Apr 1953
Activated, 20 Jun 1953
Inactivated, 1 Dec 1957
Redesignated 824 Combat Defense Squadron, and activated, 11 Feb 1960
Organized, 15 Mar 1960
Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Sep 1964
Redesignated 824 Air Police Squadron and activated, 23 Nov 1964
Organized, 8 Dec 1964
Redesignated 824 Security Police Squadron, 15 May 1967
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1974
Redesignated 824 Security Forces Squadron, 15 Sep 2001
Activated, 14 Nov 2001
Redesignated 824 Base Defense Squadron, 30 Sep 2010

STATIONS

Carswell AFB, TX, 20 Jun 1953-1 Dec 1957
Carswell AFB, TX, 15 Mar 1960-1 Sep 1964
Kadena AB, Okinawa, 8 Dec 1964-30 Sep 1974
Moody AFB, GA, 14 Nov 2001

ASSIGNMENTS

824 Air Base Group, 20 Jun 1953-1 Dec 1957
824 Combat Support Group, 15 Mar 1960-1 Sep 1964
824 Combat Support Group, 8 Dec 1964-30 Sep 1974

820 Security Forces (later, 820 Base Defense) Group, 14 Nov 2001

COMMANDERS

Maj James. M. Kendrick, #1964

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

22 Sep 2001-16 Apr 2002

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2003

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Aug 1964-5 Jun 1965

6 Jun 1965-31 Dec 1966

1 Jan-31 Dec 1967

1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006

25 Jan 2008-31 May 2009

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

1 Apr 1966-28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM



824 Security Forces Squadron emblem

824 Base Defense Squadron emblem: On a disc per bend Azure and Celeste, a lightning bolt per bend Gules, overall a knight's helmet to dexter Argent plumed Or, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue croll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed

“ONE FORCE ONE FIGHT” in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “824TH BASE DEFENSE SQUADRON” in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The divided background symbolizes the twenty-four hours of protection afforded to worldwide services. The plumed knight’s helmet represents the integrity, loyalty and bravery of the unit. The lightning bolt symbolizes the unit’s abilities to strike first in combat situations and operations.

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OPERATIONS

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE -- It's been long over due, but now the 824th Security Forces Squadron has been activated at Moody Air Force Base. At 11 a.m. Wednesday, the 824th SFS became the final squadron to be activated in the 820th Security Forces Group. The activation had been scheduled to take place in September, but the events of that month temporarily delayed the unit's activation. As a result, most of the unit has already deployed overseas, and some are already in support of operation "Enduring Freedom."

Sunday, members of the 824th boarded an aircraft en route to a destination unknown in support of America's war on terrorism. Commanders from both the 820th SFG and 824th SFS weren't present for the activation ceremony. Col. Ronald Newsom, commander 820th SFG, and Capt. Craig Allton are now with their airmen overseas. However, due to the units' personnel and mission capabilities, the ceremony was handled in true military fashion. Lt. Col. Bob Zapata, deputy commander, 820th SFG passed on the 824th guidon to 1st Lt. Shanna Corbett, commander, 824th SFS. Corbett had been the A-1 with 820th SFG, and will be the commander of the unit until Allton's return.

"This wasn't supposed to happen this way," Zapata said. Zapata described the ceremony as modest, but it was a significant event in the history of the 820th SFG. With the activation of the 824th, it joins its two sister squadrons, the 822nd and 823rd in providing force protection for Expeditionary Air Forces. Both the 822nd and 823rd have been providing force protection to AEF in Egypt, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Africa, Albania and now Enduring Freedom. The activation of the 824th now allows the 820th SFG to follow its 90-day phases supporting both steady-state and contingency deployments.

Like many new units, the 824th is not at its full strength of over 200 personnel. More personnel are expected to be arriving, and it should be at full strength by the end of the year. "It's not yet squadron size, but it has a squadron responsibility," Zapata said. One of the newest noncommissioned officers assigned to the 824th is Staff Sgt. Torrance Martin. He has been assigned to one of the other squadrons in the 820th, and is familiar with the missions that lie ahead. "It feels really good leading the way, protecting the forces over there," Martin said. "We ensure those on the inside can do their job."

The newest airman assigned to the 824th is Senior Airman Angela Walker. She has been at Moody for six months and has been cross-training as an air flight stewardess for Air Force One.

She is scheduled to depart in December. Even though she will soon the depart the 824th, Walker has been impressed. She would be happy either staying with the 824th or taking the Air Force One position. "I love being with the unit," she said. "They're a smart, strong and very intelligent unit."

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