

3906 SPECIAL SECURITY SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

3906 Security Police Squadron, 1 Mar 1980

3906 Special Security Squadron, 1 Apr 1980

Inactivated, 1 Jun 1992

STATIONS

Offutt AFB, NE

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Steve Robinette, Dec 1991 - Jul 1992

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



On an Air Force yellow disc, edged in AF blue in base a six sided diamond in AF blue with AF yellow wreath centered within the diamond, four AF blue stars sinister diagonally in a field of AF yellow interweaving with a black field with an AF yellow placed sinister diagonally. Above and below an AF yellow scroll edged in AF blue. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission. The four blue stars are depictive of the commander in chief SAC and his appointed staff. The yellow lance is symbolic for a guard and his realm of responsibility and protection. The interwoven black and yellow bars stand for the 24 hour protection provided to the headquarters SAC complex. The Air Force yellow wreath signifies the dedicated service provided to the Strategic Air Command. The surrounding blue diamond depicts the colors of the SAC Elite Guard uniform. The yellow disc signifies the highly dedicated personnel assigned to this unit.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Although the unit apparently called itself the "SAC Elite Guard" from proposed emblem information, it never had that as an official designation.

The SAC Elite Guard renamed to STRATCOM Elite Guard, assigned to the 55th Air Base Wing, 55th Security Forces Squadron, with the activation of USSTRATCOM, 1 Jun 1992.

In December 1956, General Curtis LeMay, the Commander In Chief of Strategic Air Command, directed the 3902nd Air Police Squadron to organize and form an Elite unit of Air Policemen to act as security guards for the Strategic Air Command Headquarters.

The unit was initially known as Detachment 'A' of the 3902nd Air Police Squadron and was composed of hand-picked Air Policemen from the squadron and other units from SAC installations.

The unit was to be attired in a special distinctive and unique uniform to introduce the new SAC

Air Police image Its mission would be threefold. Primarily, Detachment 'A' would be responsible to provide stringent security for the SAC Headquarters and its resources The second portion of the mission was to provide personal protection for the Commander and Vice Commander in Chief of the Strategic Air Command and their assembled staff. Acting as the Official Strategic Air Command Representatives at military and civic functions requiring military unit participation would be the third portion of the units overall mission.

In order for the newly formed guard Unit to effectively meet the numerous nationwide requests for military unit participation, General LeMay determined that an additional unit, to act as the Official Drill Team for the Strategic Air Command was needed Shortly after the initiation of Detachment 'A' individuals from the unit were further scrutinized for the ability to perform the manual of arms with a rifle. Those selected were assigned to another section of the unit known as the Strategic Air Command Drill Team.

In 1957 General Curtis LeMay, General Wade and the Commander of the 3902d Air Police Squadron successfully led a drive to select and procure a uniform for Detachment 'A' and the Drill Team which was basic yet unique. It was composed of issue, tan herringbone twill (khaki) trousers and shirts with jump boots, white scarves and white laces. With this, the unit's personnel looked unlike any other military group The addition of the cross-draw .38 and holster, combined with the wearing of the blue beret with the SAC Crest affixed helped the unit to assume an air of individuality, distinction, and professionalism. Through the years, changes in Air Force dress standards necessitated changing the colors and combination of this unique uniform worn by personnel of Detachment A and the Drill Team. The uniform and its accessories have become known and respected the world over.

The title "SAC Elite Guard" was selected in May 1961 when the guard and drill elements were formally recognized and added to the Unit Manning Documents of the 3902d Combat Defense Squadron.

The Drill team was disbanded in 1969 due to the Vietnam War's demand for security policemen, reducing manpower authorizations to 77. Manning authorizations were increased to 85 in 1973, reduced to 72 in 1974 increased again to 85 in 1980, and currently stand at 182 effective in 1983.

During the period the Drill Team was in existence, it performed in honor details, military funerals, flag ceremonies, drill exhibitions, retirements, parade ceremonies and social details in quantity Between 1964 and 1969 they made 1,462 appearances.

The SAC Elite Guard separated from the 3902d Security Police Squadron in 1980 and became The 3906 Special Security Squadron. The 3906 SSS is a direct reporting unit to the HQ SAC Chief of Staff under operational control of the HQ SAC Chief of Security Police.

Perhaps one of the most impressive ceremonies which the unit continues to perform is the formal "Changing of the Guard" The last Thursday of each month throughout the summer season the SAC Elite Guard and the SAC Band perform this unique and ceremonial "Changing of The Guard"

in front of the Strategic Air Command Headquarters. The ceremony is symbolic of the Changes of responsibility as an oncoming flight accepts the duty to provide security protection for the SAC Headquarters. The ceremony, full of pomp and precision movements, is truly unique. The focal point of the ceremony is the release of the SAC Shield by the duty flight to the oncoming flight.

The threat against SAC Headquarters, Command and Control Resources, and the Command staff is three-pronged. The threat of sabotage against the Command and Control system is a prelude to general war. Current capabilities and future planning and programming information are most easily gained at SAC as opposed to splinter attempts at various installations. Finally, the Commander in Chief and his staff present an attractive target for dissident groups or individuals. Countering these threats remains the primary day-to-day tasks of the SAC Elite Guard.

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