

8 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

8 Force Support Squadron mission is to provide proactive, customer-oriented support to civilian and military personnel of the Wolf Pack while improving its war fighting capabilities through programs that promote education, training, family support, fitness, esprit de corps, and quality of life.

Provides proactive, customer-oriented support to both military and civilian personnel assigned to Kunsan Air Base while improving war fighting capabilities through programs that promote education, training, family support, fitness, esprit de corps, and quality of life. Accepts follow-on forces through a robust beddown capability and a Personnel Deployment/Reception Function, ensuring Wolf Pack war fighters can "Take the Fight North" at a moment's notice.

LINEAGE

8 Food Service Squadron, Fighter, Single Engine constituted, 10 Aug 1948

Activated, 18 Aug 1948

Redesignated 8 Food Service Squadron, Fighter, Jet, 1 Jan 1950

Redesignated 8 Food Service Squadron, 20 Jan 1950

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1957

8 Services Squadron constituted, activated, and organized, 8 Dec 1965

Inactivated, 28 Feb 1975

8 Food Service Squadron and 8 Services Squadron consolidated, 5 Oct 1984. Consolidated organization designated 8 Services Squadron.

Activated, 15 Oct 1984

Redesignated 8 Morale, Welfare, Recreation and Services Squadron, 1 Jul 1992
Redesignated 8 Services Squadron, 1 Jan 1994
Redesignated 8 Force Support Squadron, 30 Jun 2008

STATIONS

Ashiya Airfield, Japan , 18 Aug 1948
Itazuke Airfield (later Air Base), Japan, 25 Mar 1949
Pyongyang, North Korea, 1 Dec 1950
Seoul Airfield, South Korea, 1 Dec 1950
Itazuke Air Base, Japan, 10 Dec 1950
Kimpo Air Base, South Korea, 18 May 1951
Suwon Air Base, South Korea, 20 Aug 1951
Itazuke Air Base, Japan, 19 Oct 1954 - 1 Oct 1957
Ubon Airfield (later, Ubon Royal Thai AFB), Thailand, 8 Dec 1965
Kunsan Air Base, South Korea, 16 Sep 1974

ASSIGNMENTS

8 Air Base Group, 18 Aug 1948 - 1 Oct 1957
8 Combat Support Group, 8 Dec 1965 -28 Feb 1975
8 Combat Support Group (later, 8 Support Group, later 8 Mission Support Group), 15 Oct 1984

COMMANDERS

Maj Joel C. Rutledge, 12 Jun 1984
Maj Linda Caldwell, 26 Jun 1985
Capt Ludonlar M. Calahan, Jun 1986
Capt Barbara Moock, Jun 1987
Capt Susan E. Nyquist, 13 Jun 1988
Capt Mark G. Matthews, 23 Jun 1989
Capt Mark K. White, 7 May 1990
Capt Mark A. Krueger, Jul 1991
Capt Kathryn A. Riley, 10 Jul 1992
Maj Dennis Harris, Jul 1993
Maj Frederic Ryder, Jun 1994
Maj Daniel C Doty, 13 Jun 1995
Capt Gary R. Handley, 14 Jun 1996
Lt Col Shelta D. Reese, 5 Jun 1997
Maj Guillermo A. Birmingham, 15 Jun 1998
Maj Kenneth A. Corgan, 28 Jun 1999
Maj Kerry A. Cole, 30 Jun 2000
Maj Bobby F. Suell, 28 Jun 2001
Lt Col Terrie D. Ford, 21 Jun 2002
Maj Marc D. Piccolo, 23 Jun 2003
Maj Alexander Gaines, 16 Jun 2004

Maj Nathan Chine, 22 Jun 2005
Maj Michael C. Wyatt, 22 May 2006
Capt Sirena Morris, 15 Jun 2007
Maj Stephen K. Jordan, 30 Jun 2008
Lt Col Carol J. Miller, 24 Jun 2009
Maj Angela Y. Kim, 29 Jun 2010
Maj Matthew M. Groleau, 1 Jul 2011
Lt Col Trenton Maly, 27 Jun 2012
Lt Col Marcos Garcia Jr., 12 Jun 2013
Lt Col Jeff Sutton, 5 Jun 2014
Lt Col Kenneth Mercier, 4 Jun 2015
Maj Joshua D. Wild, 6 Jul 2016

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

CCF Intervention 1950- 1951
CCF Spring Offensive 1951
UN Summer-Fall Offensive 1951
Second Korean Winter 1951-1952
Korea, Summer-Fall 1952
Third Korean Winter 1952-1953
Korea, Summer 1953

Vietnam Defensive 1965-1966
Vietnam Air 1966
Vietnam Air Offensive 1966-1967
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II 1967- 1968
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III 1968
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV 1968- 1969
Tet 69/Counteroffensive 1969
Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969
Vietnam Winter/Spring 1969- 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive 1970
Southwest Monsoon 1970
Commando Hunt V 1970-1971
Commando Hunt VI 1971
Commando Hunt VII 1971 -1972
Vietnam Ceasefire 1972- 1973

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citations

16 Dec 1966 - 2 Jan 1967
1 Mar 1967 - 31 Mar 1968
1 Jan 1971 - 1 Apr 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat V

16 Dec 1965 - 15 Dec 1966
1 Apr 1968 - 30 Sep 1968
1 Jan - 31 Dec 1970
1 Oct 1971 – 31 Mar 1972
18 Dec 1972 - 15 Aug 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1986 - 31 May 1988
1 Aug 1995 – 31 Jul 1997
1 Oct 2003 - 30 Sep 2005
1 Oct 2005 - 30 Sep 2007
1 Novber 2009 - 31 Oct 2011

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

27 Jun 1950 - 31 Jan 195 1
1 Feb 1951 - 31 Mar 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

1 Apr 1966 - 28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM



8 Services Squadron emblem: The red and blue “Yin and Yang” symbolizes the state emblem of the Republic of Korea and represent the honor we share in performing our mission in the Republic of Korea with the 8 Fighter Wing. The sword holds a place of honor, as we were

originally activated as the 8 Food Service Squadron, on 10 Aug 1948. The skeleton key is symbolic of our billeting mission and unlocks the door to the finest services organization in Pacific Air Forces. The knight head symbolizes our commitment to taking care of our own, as Mortuary Affairs representatives and managers of the Base Honor Guard.



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OPERATIONS

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Sources

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