

66th SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

66th Air Police Squadron constituted, 15 Nov 1952
Activated, 1 Jan 1953
Redesignated 66th Security Police Squadron, 1 May 1967
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1970
Activated, 1 Jun 1985
Inactivated, 31 Mar 1992
Activated, 1 Oct 1994
Redesignated 66th Security Forces Squadron, 1 Jul 1997

STATIONS

Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jan-25 Jun 1953
Sembach AB, Germany, 7 Jul 1953
Laon AB, France, 18 Jun 1958
RAF Upper Heyford, England, 1 Sep 1966-1 Apr 1970
Sembach AB, Germany, 1 Jun 1985-31 Mar 1992
Hanscom AFB, MA, 1 Oct 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

66th Air Base (later, 66th Combat Support) Group, 1 Jan 1953-1 Apr 1970
66th Combat Support Group, 1 Jun 1985-31 Mar 1992
66th Support (later, 66th Mission Support) Group, 1 Oct 1994

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan-31 Dec 1962

1 Apr 1987-31 Mar 1989

1 Jun 1989-31 May 1991

1 Jun 1991-31 Mar 1992

1 Jan 1996-31 Dec 1997

1 Jan-31 Dec 1998

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

1 Jan 2003-31 Dec 2004

EMBLEM





On a disc embattled Argent and Sable, surmounted knight chess piece Azure detail and pupil of the second, its harness, reigns and base Or, detailed Gold Brown, between two pole stars Proper, its sections garnished Black and Silver Gray, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "VINCE AUT MORIRE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "66TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON" in Yellow letters. 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 light and dark embattled background reflects the day and night vigilance of unit personnel. The knight piece alludes to the unit's motto and suggests the affinity to medieval knights who provided security to their monarch. The game of chess also embodies the unit's studied and measured methods of providing security to Air Force personnel and property. The pole stars symbolize the historical origins within the NATO area of operations. (Approved, 20 Jun 1990)

MOTTO

VINCE AUT MORIRE--Conquer or Die

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

A misplaced night vision goggle case led to the C-130J crash that killed 14 at Jalalabad Airport, Afghanistan, in October, Air Mobility Command investigators found. After landing at Jalalabad, the crew conducted engine-running on-load/offload operations. To assist with offloading, the Super Hercules' pilot placed the hard-shell case in front of the yoke to hold the horizontal stabilizer elevators in a raised position, but did not remove it before the nighttime takeoff,

according to a release announcing the findings Friday. The aircraft entered an excessive upward pitch just after takeoff, and the copilot misidentified a trim malfunction as the cause, resulting in improper recovery techniques. The aircraft crashed just off the runway 28 seconds after liftoff and struck a perimeter guard tower, killing all personnel aboard and three Afghan Special Reaction Force (ASRF) members on the ground. The crew consisted of the pilot, copilot, and two loadmasters assigned to the 39th Airlift Squadron at Dyess AFB, Texas. Two fly-away security team members assigned to the 66th Security Forces Squadron at Hanscom AFB, Mass., and five civilian contractor passengers were also onboard. 2016

Air Force Order of Battle

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