

# 6927 SECURITY GROUP

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

6927 Security Flight designated and organized, 8 May 1955  
Redesignated 6927 Radio Squadron, Mobile, 1 Oct 1956  
Redesignated 6927 Security Squadron, 1 Jul 1963  
Redesignated 6927 Security Group, 1 Jul 1965  
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1971

## STATIONS

Kadena AB, Okinawa, 8 May 1955  
Onna Point Administration Annex, Okinawa, 7 Aug 1958-30 Jun 1971

## ASSIGNMENTS

6920 Security Wing, 8 May 1955  
6902 Special Communications Group, 1 Oct 1958  
6922 Radio Group, Mobile (later, 6922 Security Wing), 22 Oct 1959  
Pacific Security Region, 31 Mar 1970-30 Jun 1971

## COMMANDERS

Maj Edward E. Grant  
Col Howard E. Byers, Jan 1968  
Maj Clair

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

In February of 1956, the living quarters and mess hall at the new Onna Point facility were completed and the squadron moved its living quarters there and the people commuted between Onna Point and Yontan pending completion of the Operations Building at Onna. The operational move was scheduled for the fall of that year. However, in August 1956, Typhoon Emma forced a change in plans. She blew the roofs off several buildings at Yontan and it was decided to move to the almost completed Operations compound at Onna Point ahead of schedule rather than try to repair the damaged buildings at Yontan. With that move, the 6927th Security Flight became the 6927th Radio Squadron Mobile. It was subordinate to the 6922nd Radio Group Mobile located at Ashiya AFB, Japan. By the 1958-1960 time frame, the squadron's strength was about 350 enlisted men and officers.

By February 1965, the unit had been redesignated as the 6927th Security Squadron, and its strength had grown to 850 enlisted men and 15 officers.

The unit continued active at Onna Point until it was officially deactivated on March 15, 1971.

Late 1954-Early 1955:

Construction begins on a new home for the activity at Onna Point to be known as the 6927th Radio Squadron Mobile. Completion scheduled for Spring 1956.

February 1956:

Squadron moves into newly completed barracks at the Onna Point facility still under construction. The operations people continue to commute to work at Yontan pending completion of the Operations Building at Onna Point.

August 1956:

Typhoon Emma severely damages the Yomitan facility and a decision is made to just relocate the activity to the almost complete Onna Point facility rather than rebuild. This move was accompanied by the upgrading of the unit to a squadron.

March 15, 1971:

Operation of the 6927th ends and the site is turned over to the Marine Corps shortly afterward.

In 1955, the 6927th Security Flight was marking time in inadequate facilities. The men lived in old stockade quarters on Kadena Air Base and commuted to operations at Yontan. They anxiously awaited a move to Onna Point as soon as construction on new barracks and operations compound was completed there.

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Concurrent with the move to Onna Point, the 6927th Security Flight became the 6927th Radio Squadron Mobile. The 6927th RSM reported to the 6922nd Radio Group Mobile, Ashiya Air Base. In 1965, the 6927th was elevated to group status—6927th Security Group reporting to the 6920th Security Wing. The group was officially inactivated on 15 March 1971.

Ground was broken for the beginning of the 6927<sup>th</sup> in 1954 and completed in June 1956. During the year 1953 there was a small unit of Security Service, composed of two officers and 80 airmen located at Yomitan, Okinawa. This detachment of the 29<sup>th</sup> Radio Squadron Mobile became the 6927<sup>th</sup> Security Flight on 8 May 1955 and moved to Onna Point, upon completion of construction. Major Goss, Commander of the 6927<sup>th</sup> received permission to evacuate Yomitan and open the new site at Onna Point on 9 September 1956 when Typhoon Emma hit Okinawa with winds of 150 knots. Through the night of the 9<sup>th</sup>, personnel labored to evacuate Yomitan and by 8 am the next day, operations were functioning on Onna Point.

The 6927<sup>th</sup> Security Flight was redesignated to the 6927<sup>th</sup> RSM on 1 October 1956. On 10 October 1958 the Onna Point BX was opened, built by the voluntary labor of the airmen of the squadron from scrap material.

On 9 June 1959, Major Pledge, then Commander, rotated to the states and Major Edward E. Grant assumed command. Numerous improvements were made during the period of 1959 to 1962. LtCol Grant departed and LtCol Robert Sandstrom assumed command on 20 July 1962. Col Sandstrom initiated an aggressive recreational program immediately after assuming command. Most significant was the exercise and conditioning room, Trap Range, Archery Range, Preparation for stocking fish in our reservoir and a salt water swimming pool. Results from this program were outstanding as the 6927<sup>th</sup> continually gathered sports honors in competition with other units on Kadena Air Base. Additional facilities began to take form, including the Chapel, Dining Hall addition, Admin bldg, Airmen dorms, NCO club annex, new bowling lanes and the base theater.

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