

96th GROUND COMBAT TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

96th Ground Combat Training Squadron

Activated

Inactivated, 2014

STATIONS

Eglin AFB, FL

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, a globe voided to the field, gridlined Or, its axis tilting forward, surmounted by a tactical fighting bayonet point down, blade and pommel Gris, handle Vert, guard and details Sable, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "SHARPENING THE WARRIOR'S EDGE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "96TH

GROUND COMBAT TRAINING SQ" 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 symbolizes the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The globe represents the worldwide security impact of the mission. The bayonet signifies the eternal vigilance of the security force defenders.

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Consolidating Security Forces Training Centers The 96th Ground Combat Training Squadron at Eglin AFB, Fla., will inactivate on June 6 as part of the Air Force's continuing effort to consolidate regional training centers. "The consolidation is not a reaction to recent budget cuts," said Maj. James Habeck, GCTS commander. "This is something the career field wanted to do to standardize, not just the curriculum, but also the training defenders get before they go downrange ... They want to put it all under one roof." Currently, security forces train at Creech AFB, Nev; Ft. Bliss, Texas; Ft. Wolters, Texas; Camp Guernsey, Wyo.; JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.; and Eglin. However, all the training centers will consolidate at Ft. Bliss this year, with the exception of Camp Guernsey, which specializes in security forces nuclear training. The 96th GCTS will officially inactivate following the conclusion of its last Brave Defender class, which is being held July 5-24. 2014

Air Force Order of Battle

Created: 23 Nov 2010

Updated:

Sources

Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, VA.

Air Force News. Air Force Public Affairs Agency.