

## 423<sup>rd</sup> SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

1023<sup>rd</sup> Guard Squadron constituted, 27 Jul 1942

Activated, 1 Aug 1942

Disbanded, 30 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 423<sup>rd</sup> Security Police Squadron, 1 Jul 1985

Redesignated 423<sup>rd</sup> Security Forces Squadron, 22 Mar 2005

Activated 12 May 2005

#### STATIONS

Napier Field, AL, 1 Aug 1942-30 Apr 1944

RAF Alconbury, England, 12 May 2005

#### ASSIGNMENTS

Army Air Forces Southeast Training Center, 1 Aug 1942-30 Apr 1944

423<sup>rd</sup> Air Base Group, 12 May 2005

#### COMMANDERS

Cpt Harry T. Smith, 1 Aug 1942

Maj Edwin B. Cooper, 2 Nov 1942

Cpt Fred T. Hight, 14 Jan 1943

Cpt George Crawford, 31 Jan 1943

Cpt Howard M. Phillips, 29 Jul 1942 – 30 Apr 1944

Maj Shawn L. Kirkpatrick, 12 May 2005

Maj Aaron Guill, 3 Jul 2007

Cpt Matthew W. Gibson (temp), 22 Sep 2008

#### HONORS

##### Service Streamers

World War II: American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan 2006-31 Dec 2007

### **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, a triangle Or, fimbriated Gules, overall two swords in saltire points to base suppressed by a late 15th Century helm Argent (Silver Gray), all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "COURAGE INTEGRITY TRUTH" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "423D SECURITY FORCES SQ" in Black 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 refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The triangle signifies strength and the unit's ability to coordinate changing needs. The crossed swords signify justice and military honor. The knight's helmet signifies the unit's mission of providing force protection and security in defense. (Approved, 15 Nov 2006)

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

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Air Force Order of Battle

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#### **Sources**

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