

# **4047 COMBAT DEFENSE SQUADRON**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

4047 Combat Defense Squadron

## **STATIONS**

McCoy AFB, FL

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

4047 Combat Support Group

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

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## **OPERATIONS**



A large part of the night security of McCoy AFB is entrusted to the K-9 Corps of the 4047th CDS. The handlers, with their dogs, stand watch during hours of darkness on the outer perimeter of the base to guard against the unauthorized entry to the base and SAC's deterrent force. Because of their natural superior senses of smell and hearing, endurance and alertness, dogs are used to secure these areas. One dog is capable of securing an area which would otherwise require five sentries. The Air Force began using dogs for sentry duty in two overseas commands approximately eight years ago.

The effectiveness has led to utilization of the sentry dog throughout the Air Force. The demand for trained teams of handlers and dogs has resulted in the establishment of the USAF Sentry Dog School at Lackland AFB, Texas, where teams are brought together and extensively schooled. The 4047th CDS K-9 Section presently has 18 dogs, all of whom have been with us for some time, and thus are old "friends" to those who know them. The handlers, too are tops in their profession and because of their pride in their dogs and the job they perform, constantly strive to improve themselves in a friendly, but intense competition.



4047 Combat Defense Squadron airman at the McCoy AFB main gate.

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