

8th SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



LINEAGE

8th Air Police Squadron, Fighter, Single Engine constituted, 10 Aug 1948

Activated, 18 Aug 1948

Redesignated 8th Air Police Squadron, Fighter, Jet, 1 Mar 1950

Redesignated 8th Air Police Squadron, 1 Mar 1950

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1957

Activated, 1 Dec 1965

Organized, 8 Dec 1965

Redesignated 8th Security Police Squadron, 15 May 1967

STATIONS

Kimpo AB, South Korea

Suwon, South Korea, 20 Aug 1951-19 Oct 1954

Ubon Airfield, Thailand, 8 Dec 1965

Kunsan AB, South Korea, 16 Sep 1974

ASSIGNMENTS

8th Combat Support Group, 8 Dec 1965-16 Sep 1974

COMMANDERS

Maj James O'Bell, 1 Dec 1965

Cpt Thomas K. Irwin III, 31 Aug 1966

1LT Thomas P. Lippay, 1 Sep 1966

Maj David F. Ferree, 27 Sep 1966

Maj Roger s. Espiritu, 3 Oct 1966

Maj William M. Condie, 29 Aug 1967

Maj Troy L. Tucker, 30 Sep 1968

Maj Eugene A. Lamar, 15 Aug 1969

Cpt David P. Mills, 12 Oct 1969

Cpt John R. O'Leary (temp), 1 May 1970

Maj Norman B. Hess, 15 Jun 1970
Cpt John R. O'Leary (temp), 16 Dec 1970
Maj Norman B. Hess, 1 Jan 1971
Cpt Gerald McCormick, 26 May 1971
Maj Joseph Conroy, 5 Jun 1971
LTC Robert J. Foy, 4 Mar 1972
Maj Allan E. Medsker, 1 Jul 1972
Maj Martin N. Donley, 7 Mar 1973
Cpt Bernard R. Boucek (temp), 4 Oct 1973
Maj Deon J. Tollstrup, 5 Oct 1973
Maj David W. Parr, 8 Nov 1974
Cpt Ralph G. Beckett (temp), 9 Nov 1974
Maj Richard D. Park, 10 Jan 1974
Cpt Milton E. Abbott (temp), 11 Jan 1975
Maj Robert G. Chandler, 31 Jan 1975
Maj Dudley R. DeWar, 25 Apr 1975
Cpt Paul V. Porter, 20 Feb 1976
Maj Hart J. Guenther, 2 Mar 1976
Maj William F. Dowd, 12 Feb 1977
Maj Robert J. Hansel, 17 Feb 1978
Maj Woodrow R. Pentecost, Jr., 13 Feb 1979
LTC Byron C. Burson, 19 Oct 1979

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

CCF intervention 3 Nov 1950-24 Jan 1951
CCF Spring Offensive, 22 Apr 1951-8 Jul 1951
UN Summer-Fall Offensive
Second Korean Winter
Korea Summer-Fall, 1952
Third Korean Winter
Korean Summer-Fall, 1953

Vietnam Air Counteroffensive, 31 Jan 1966-28 Jun 1966
Vietnam Air Offensive, 29 Jun 1966-08 Mar 1967
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II, 9 Mar 1967-31 Mar 1968
Vietnam Air Ground, 22 Jan 1968-7 Jul 1968
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III, 1 Apr 1968-31 Oct 1968
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV, 1 Nov 1968-22 Feb 1969
Tet Counteroffensive, 30 Jan 1968-1 Apr 1968
Vietnam Summer Fall, 9 Jun 1969-31 Oct 1969
Vietnam Winter Spring 1970, 1 Nov 1969-30 Apr 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive, 1 May 1970-30 Jun 1970

Southwest Monsoon, 1 Jul 1970-30 Nov 1970
Commando Hunt V, 1 Dec 1970-14 May 1971
Commando Hunt VI, 15 May 1971-31 Oct 1971
Commando Hunt VII, 1 Nov 1971-29 Mar 1972
Vietnam Cease Fire, 30 Mar 1972-28 Mar 1973

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation:

8 Jun 1966-16 Apr 1967

16 Dec 1966-2 Jan 1967

6 Mar 1968-31 Jul 1969

1 Jan 1971-1 Apr 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

16 Dec 1965-15 Dec 1966

1 Apr 1968-30 Sep 1968

1 Jan 1970-31 Dec 1970

1 Oct 1971-31 Mar 1972

1 Apr 1972-22 Oct 1972

18 Dec 1972-15 Aug 1973

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation:

27 Jun 1950-31 Jan 1951

1 Feb 1951-31 Mar 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm

16 Dec 1966-28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM

A disc edged with a narrow black border, the background divided per bend yellow and blue, in bend a red lightning bolt throughout between a pair of green scales above and a Korean dragon's head below (medium blue and green garnished yellow, white and black, langued red). The lightning bolt cutting diagonally across the center of the emblem is symbolic of the swiftness with which the 8th Security Police Squadron responds to any calling. The dragon in the lower right side is a Korean symbol which represents peace and happiness. The scales of justice are symbolic of not only the law enforcement and justice system but also of the delicate relationship existing between the peaceful co-existence and readiness of response to any contingency. (Approved, 10 Jan 1978)

MOTTO

VIGILANTIA PRETIUM LIBERTAS (Latin for "Vigilance, The Price of Liberty").

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Served in Southeast Asia, 1965-74



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