87 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



MISSION

The 87 Security Forces Squadron members provide physical security for Team McGuire's people and priority aircraft. They also extend security support to visiting dignitaries and transient aircraft. This unit maintains five special mobility teams to support wing and command contingencies, throughout the world.

LINEAGE

87 Air Police Squadron constituted, 26 May 1952
Activated in the Reserve, 15 Jun 1952
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1953
Redesignated 87 Security Police Squadron, 12 Oct 1984
Redesignated 87 Security Forces Squadron, 19 Feb 2009
Activated, 3 Mar 2009

STATIONS

Atterbury AFB, IN, 15 Jun 1952-1 Feb 1953 McGuire AFB, (Later, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst) NJ, 3 Mar 2009

ASSIGNMENTS

87 Air Base Group, 15 Jun 1952-1 Feb 1953 87 Mission Support Group, 3 Mar 2009

COMMANDERS

HONORS Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award 1 Oct 2011-30 Sep 2012

EMBLEM

On a disc per fess nebuly Celeste and Vert, a pile reversed Azure, overall a falcon in flight Argent, winged Gris, talons Or, armed of the fourth, grasping three mullets, two and one, of the like; all within a narrow Yellow border. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "SEMPER VIGILO" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "87TH SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON" 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 refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The background divided by the nebuly symbolizes the sky and ground defended by the unit. They also represent the Air Force and Army working together to achieve the mission. The triangle represents the defense of the sea chartered to Navy personnel. The stylized falcon represents the mission of security forces and the unit's responsibility to defend. The three stars stand for the three Services that comprise the Squadron: Air Force, Army and Navy.

MOTTO

SEMPER VIGILO--Always Vigilant

OPERATIONS

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Sources

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