

## 355 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

355 Security Forces Squadron provides peerless security force protection and flexible combat support both at home and abroad. The SFS "Desert Defenders" conduct worldwide force protection and security operations by guarding Noble Eagle alert fighter aircraft, seven flying squadrons, 4,400 tactical and stored aircraft spread over 13,000 acres, valued at more than \$32.3 billion. The squadron also provides police services for 18,000-member base populace and combat arms training for more than 6,000 military personnel. The SFS canine section provides support to other installations throughout Arizona for explosive and narcotic detection missions as well as Secret Service support ensuring the safety/security for the President of the United States. The squadron's training section conducts Expeditionary Combat Skills Training to all Airmen from D-M tasked to deploy.

### **LINEAGE**

355 Air Police Squadron constituted and activated, 3 Nov 1965  
Organized, 8 Nov 1965  
Redesignated 355 Security Police Squadron, 15 May 1967  
Inactivated, 10 Dec 1970  
Activated, 30 Sep 1976  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1981  
Activated, 1 May 1992  
Redesignated 355 Security Forces Squadron

### **STATIONS**

Takhli, RTAFD, Thailand, 8 Nov 1965-10 Dec 1970  
Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 30 Sep 1976-1 Oct 1981  
Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1 May 1992

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

355 Combat Support Group, 8 Nov 1965-10 Dec 1970

355 Combat Support Group, 30 Sep 1976-1 Oct 1981

355 Support (later, 355 Mission Support) Group, 1 May 1992

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III

Vietnam Air Ground

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV

TET 69/Counteroffensive

Vietnam Summer-Fall

Vietnam Winter-Spring

Sanctuary Counter-offensive

Southwest Monsoon

Commando Hunt V

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Presidential Unit Citations

1 Jan-10 Oct 1966

11-12 Aug and 24-28 Oct 1967

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

12 Apr 1967-11 Apr 1968

1 Jul 1969-24 Nov 1970

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Oct 1976-31 May 1978

1 Jul 1978-31 Dec 1979

1 Jun 1980-31 May 1981

15 Dec 1991-1 Aug 1993

1 Jun 1995-31 May 1997

1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004

1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006

1 Jun 2007-31 May 2009

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm  
1 Apr 1966-7 Mar 1967

Air Force Outstanding Unit

#### EMBLEM



355 SPS emblem, 1966-67

355 Security Police Squadron emblem The disc shaped emblem of a sword between two olive branches represents the desire to have peace while the sword represents the ability to fight, if necessary. The upper scroll "In Peace or in War" represents the unit's ability and preparedness to support any phase of the Air Force mission. The bottom scroll is the unit designation. The emblem's colors signify the following: White represents the background color of the disc which signifies purity of purpose of the organization and of the Air Force. Emerald Green and Dark Brown represent the colors of the olive branch which are used as a symbol of peace and the unit's desire to have it. Ultramarine blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Golden Yellow represents the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. Red represents the constant reminder of those before us who gave their lives for the preservation of freedom. (Approved, 21 Oct 1977)

#### MOTTO

IN PEACE OR IN WAR

#### OPERATIONS

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