

176 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



MISSION

The 176 Security Forces Squadron mission is to lead, manage, supervise, and perform security force activities, including installation, weapon system, and resource security, antiterrorism, law enforcement and investigations, air base defense, armament and equipment, training, pass and registration, information security, and combat arms for the men and women of the 176 Wing.

LINEAGE

176 Weapon Systems Security Flight
176 Security Police Flight, 1989
176 Security Police Squadron, 1994
176 Security Forces Squadron, 1997

STATIONS

Kulis ANGB, Anchorage, AK
Elmendorf AFB, AK

ASSIGNMENTS

176 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

Capt Kenneth A. Weiss, #2010

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The unit was stood up in 1976 and designated as the 176th Weapon System Security Flight. With an original 6 members, one of which a fulltime employee, these people laid the foundation to what is now a much larger, extremely versatile, motivated, highly trained "Family" of Security Forces men and Women. In 1989, the unit was re-designated as the 176th Security Police Flight and later in 1994 a Security Police Squadron. In 1997, the Security Police career field was renamed to Security Forces and remains to this day. The 176 SFS has a vast wealth of experience and knowledge within its members. Prior Active duty Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines, Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement officials, Alaska National Guard Counter Drug Support Program members, Correctional Officers and Retail Loss Prevention officers are some of the occupations that are held by our true "Weekend Warriors."

The men and women of the 176 SFS have been all over the world in support of many different peace time and war time operations. Some of the peace time support locations included Japan, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Singapore, Mongolia, and Germany to name a few. Some of the war time contingencies include Panama for Operation Desert Shield, Kuwait for Operation Desert Storm, Turkey for Operation Northern Watch, Saudi Arabia for Operation Southern Watch, Kuwait and Iraq for Iraqi Freedom and Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mobilized 13 personnel for Operations Desert Shield/Storm; did not deploy, stayed at home station.

Maximum flexibility are perhaps the best words to describe the growth and performance of the men and women of the 176th Security Police Flight (SPF) during the past ten years. From humble beginnings as a 13 member Weapons System Security Flight, we have grown to a 65 member Security Police Flight with new responsibilities, and frequent calls for our support from units around the world.

The premier event of the decade for the unit was the award of the Air National Guard Outstanding Unit for the year 1988. A proud accomplishment, it recognized the superior quality of the men and women who make up the 176th Security Police Flight. We were the "best in the nation." Total Force was not a phrase, but a reality for the 176 SPF. Our active duty training took place around the globe, from Yokota, Japan to the British Isles, from the steamy jungles of

Panama, to the remote US/Canadian border.

Often our tours were at the request of active duty commanders who knew of our proven reputation as professionals and a unit that could solve problems.

A unit tradition is seeking out unique training opportunities. Anti-terrorism at Patrick AFB, Urban Warfare training at Ft. Lewis Washington,

Winter Survival training at Eielson AFB, Ground Combat training at Little Rock AFB Arkansas, and standing under the Space Shuttle at Cape Canaveral are just a few of the non-routine accomplishments.

We have visited the Army Jungle Training Center in Panama, the USAF "Cool School, in Alaska, the Special Operations School in Florida, and Scotland Yard in England.

Our support work over the past ten years included law enforcement assistance for the Pope and Presidential visits, routine support for State functions, conferences, and open houses, emergency response to the Exxon oil spill in Valdez, drug enforcement agency manpower assistance, Desert Storm activation for part of the unit, as well as the creation of a full time base AGR security force to provide around the clock security for Kulis ANGB

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