

## 406<sup>th</sup> SECURITY POLICE SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

The 406th Air Police Squadron has an important three-fold mission to accomplish. First, they provide for the enforcement of law and order and for the maintenance of Air Force standards of conduct and discipline. Secondly, they provide for internal security, including the safeguarding of military information, and accomplish the confinement and retraining of military prisoners. Third, and equally important, the squadron is the nucleus for base ground defense, including the manning and operation of automatic and crew-served ground-type weapons. Roughly, there are four major functions within the squadron.

### **LINEAGE**

406th Air Police Squadron  
Redesignated 406<sup>th</sup> Security Police Squadron

### **STATIONS**

RAF Manston, England, 1955

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

### **COMMANDERS**

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### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

To the majority of personnel in the Air Force, an air policeman seems to lead quite an easy life—confined mainly to routine prisoner supervising details, tours of town patrol and barrier guard duty, and an occasional honor or color guard formation.

This misapprehension is readily understandable inasmuch that while the rest of the base is inactive—on holidays, week-ends and at night—the air policeman works hardest. He is therefore rarely seen in the performance of his most vital and exacting duties.

During such off-duty periods, the internal security of the base and its millions of dollars worth of Air Force property becomes the sole responsibility of the Air Police Squadron and the eternal vigilance of its various guards and sentries in their watch for theft, sabotage and other subversive and illegal acts.

The operations section, by far the largest, consists of all police and security activities. Contained therein are all barrier guards, base and town patrols, investigators and security personnel. The latter is charged with the off-duty security of all tactical aircraft, restricted areas and other critical sections. They are the personnel who, come fair or foul weather, guard the vital areas of the base against all dangers.

Another very essential section is Pass and Registration, which keeps an accurate record control of all vehicles, firearms and personnel having access to restricted areas. They are also responsible for accomplishment of passes for military personnel, civilian workers and dependents.

The prisoner confinement section is equipped to handle minor offenders only. Those serving over 30 days are usually sent to a U.S.A.F. Retraining Center. The retraining program, consisting of drill, academics, discipline, service responsibilities and religious education, is designed to reclaim prisoners for better service after their sentence expires.

The position of Wing Provost Marshal is filled by the squadron commander. He advises the Wing Commander on the overall state of discipline, standards of conduct and security and on possible future trouble areas and trends which might seriously affect base personnel.

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