

3080 AIR POLICE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

3080 Air Police Squadron
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1962

STATIONS

Caribous AFS, Limestone AFB, ME

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

The emblem symbolizes the Squadron's mission. The interposed circular cog represents the Air Material Command, of which the 3080th Security Squadron is a component part. Inside the cog the octopus embraces seven tiny igloos representing constant and complete security for weapons

storage by the faithful and ever vigilant Air Police. On his head the octopus is wearing the winter pile cap signifying the cold climate in which he is accustomed to operating.

MOTTO

SEMPER VIGILES--Ever Vigilant

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

General Order 20 activated the 3080th Operations Squadron, 3080th Security Squadron and 3080th Support Squadron effective May 1, 1954, and assigned them to the 3080th Aviation Depot Group. On March 1, 1957, the 3080th Security Squadron was re-designated 3080th Air Police Squadron.

The mission of the 3080th Aviation Depot Squadron/Group was both unique and varied during the ten years it operated. Besides being the first Operational Storage Site for the maintenance, storage, and distribution of atomic and thermonuclear (hydrogen) bombs to the Strategic Air Command, the 3080th also maintained a war reserve of nuclear weapons to be shipped to SAC contingency bases for secondary (follow-on) strike missions.

The Administration Area was the headquarters of the 3080th Aviation Depot Group. It was situated outside the maximum-security area, and accommodated the administrative, dormitory, dining, and recreational functions required for the operation of the storage area. Buildings included a headquarters office building, a dining hall, a gym and library building, numerous barracks, and a fire station. The barracks and dining hall were grouped together around a quadrangle and were connected underground, a distinct advantage in the harsh winter weather and in the event of nuclear fallout. The buildings were occupied by personnel of the 3080th from 1951 through 1962. The Service Area, situated southeast of the Administrative Area and outside of the maximum-security area, was the center of station maintenance, repair, and service.

Though not complete, the weapons storage facility was partially occupied and activated on November 1, 1951. This early activation was probably the result of the increased conflict in Korea. On December 15, 1951, the 3080th Aviation Depot Group was activated as a unit of the Air Material Command, and assumed control of the maximum storage area. 3080th personnel occupied the barracks, offices, and workstations, and the area became temporarily known as the 3080th Area. Construction of the weapons storage facility was completed on April 10, 1952. By the end of summer 1952, the 3080th was ready for full operations.

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