

## 81 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

The 81 Security Forces Squadron is responsible for providing law enforcement, investigative, and force protection support for the installation and its three geographically separated family housing areas. Additionally, the 81 Security Forces Squadron provides mission-ready security forces defenders to fulfill combatant commander wartime taskings.

### **LINEAGE**

81 Air Police Squadron  
Redesignated 81 Security Police Squadron  
Redesignated 81 Security Forces Squadron, 1 Jul 1997

### **STATIONS**

Kirtland AFB, NM, 5 Jun 1949-1 May 1950  
Bentwaters RAF Station (later RAF Bentwaters), England, 5 Sep 1951  
Keesler AFB, MS

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

81 Mission Support Group

### **COMMANDERS**



Maj Carl L. Heck (USAF photo)

Maj Carl L. Heck, #1959

Maj Brandt D. Laird

### Honors

#### Service Streamers

#### Campaign Streamers

#### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

#### Decorations

### EMBLEM



The skull patch was designed by Bryon Beers, 81 SPS, 1984-87: "There was a contest on designing the 81 SPS patch back in 85. I worked a lot of dead post on mids as an airman & I liked to draw so I put the two together and you had the ingredients for a patch design. The skull represented those who have died defending our country. The beret was a symbol of the Security Police. The highly polished beret shield represented the high standards we maintained on a daily basis. The blue background represented the area of operations for the Air Force, the sky. The fig leaves framing the skull represented our primary duty, to maintain the peace. The upper jaw had 13 teeth representing the original 13 colonies and the lower jaw had 24 representing the NATO countries.

There were quite a few submissions but eventually our commander chose mine to be the squadron patch. It was required to wear on the uniform above the name tag.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

10 Jul 1994 Members of the 81st Security Police Squadron went to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in support of Operation Sea Signal, the resettlement of Haitian refugees.



81 Air Police Squadron Airmen at RAF Bentwaters. (USAF photo)

The 81 Air Police Squadron, commanded by Maj Carl L. Heck, has an important three-fold mission. 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 internal security, which includes the safeguarding of military information, and the confinement and re-training of military prisoners. Third, the 81st Air Police Squadron is the nucleus of a base Ground Defense system. No easy job this, but the squadron finds time to operate a Pass and Identification Section, and a busy Vehicle Registration Section. Helping to lighten the load of the vigilant Air Policemen are the sentry dogs which the 81 Air Police Squadron operates in roving patrols at both Bentwaters and Woodbridge.

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