

## 97 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 97 Security Forces Squadron provides security for C-17 and KC-135 aircraft and provides force protection and law enforcement support for more than 10,000 active duty military, DOD civilians, contractors, family members and retired personnel in the community. In addition, the unit is tasked with a worldwide mobility commitment.

### LINEAGE

Squadron "B," 97 Airdrome Group constituted, 11 Sep 1947

Organized, 1 Dec 1947

Discontinued, 12 Jul 1948

97 Air Police Squadron, Bombardment, Medium constituted, 28 May 1948

Activated, 12 Jul 1948

Redesignated 97 Air Police Squadron, 16 Mar 1950

Inactivated, 16 Jun 1952

Redesignated 97 Combat Defense Squadron, 22 Apr 1959

Activated, 1 Jul 1959

Redesignated 97 Security Police, 2 Jul 1967

Squadron "B," 97 Airdrome Group and 97<sup>th</sup> Security Police Squadron consolidated, 12 Oct 1984. Consolidated squadron designated 97 Security Police Squadron.

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1992.

Activated, 1 Oct 1992

Redesignated 97 Security Forces Squadron, 16 Jul 1997

## **STATIONS**

Blythville AFB, AR, 1 Jul 1959

Altus AFB, OK

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

97 Mission Support Group

## **COMMANDERS**

Capt Jim T. Meredith, 1949

Maj William W. Haner, #1964

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 1975-30 Jun 1977

1 Jul 1977-30 Jun 1978

1 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1980

1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1988

1 Oct 1992-30 Jun 1993

1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1994

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1995

1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1996

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1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2004

1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2006

1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2008

1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2009

1 Jul 2009-30 Jun 2010

1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2011

1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2012

1 Jul 2013-30 Jun 2014

1 Jul 2014-30 Jun 2016

1 Jul 2016-30 Jun 2017; 1 Jul 2017-30 Jun 2019; 1 Jul 2019-30 Jun 2021.

## EMBLEM



97 Security Police Squadron emblem

97 Security Forces Squadron emblem: On a disc Azure, in front of a globe axis bendwise parted per axial meridian Sable and Celeste, gridlined Or and surmounted by a cloud formation enhanced Argent. Overall, a snarling tiger issuant from sinister Proper, its forepaw extended in base. In dexter chief, a lightning bolt of two angles bendwise Air Force Yellow, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "SECURITY IS OUR MISSION" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "97TH SECURITY FORCES SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The globe's light and dark colors indicate the unit's day and night operations. The cloud signifies the all-weather capabilities required in carrying out the mission. The lightning flash symbolizes swiftness of action and firepower. The tiger standing guard overall shows the unit's mission of providing worldwide security. (Approved, 15 Jan 2003)

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS



97 Air Police Squadron, Biggs AFB, TX. (USAF)

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#### USAF UNIT HISTORIES

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#### Sources

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Unit yearbook. *97 Bombardment Wing, Biggs AFB, TX. @1948.*

Unit yearbook. *Biggs AFB, TX, El Paso, TX. 1949.*

Unit yearbook. *Blytheville AFB, AR, 1964.*