

## 802 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 802nd SFS Nighthawk Defenders are charged with providing security for a wide-range of Air Force priority resources and assets. In addition to base security operations, the squadron provides police services to five wings, Wilford Hall Medical Center, a flight line, several family housing areas, and a customer base of more than 45,000 daily. They also manage one of three Air Force Regional Confinement Facilities and one of the busiest military working dog sections.

### LINEAGE

1102 Guard Squadron constituted, 6 Oct 1942

Activated, 22 Oct 1942

Disbanded, 30 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated as 802 Security Forces Squadron, 28 Jul 2009

Activated, 31 Jan 2010

### STATIONS

Kirtland Field, NM, 22 Oct 1942

Marfa, TX, 17 Nov 1942-30 Apr 1944

Lackland AFB, TX, 31 Jan 2010

### ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments. Army Air Forces West Coast Training Center, 22 Oct 1942

Army Air Forces Training Command, c. Dec 1943-30 Apr 1944

802 Mission Support Group, 31 Jan 2010

### COMMANDERS

LTC David Ramirez Jr., 12 Jul 2011 – 13 Aug 2013

LTC Scott M. Foley, 14 Aug 2013

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, issuant from dexter base a demi-globe of the field gridlined Or, in dexter chief a shield blazoned: Gules, a chief Sable and a chevron of the like overall a sword palewise point to base Argent, grip of the second; in sinister chief the silhouette of a nighthawk bird facing dexter wings elevated and addorsed of the fourth, eyed of the third, emitting to dexter base three lightning flashes of the like, all within a narrow bordure Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "PARATUS UT MUNIO" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "802D 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 symbolizes the unit's global response capabilities. The shield and sword represent the unit's honorable defense while conducting both offensive and defensive operations. The nighthawk bird with lightning flashes emitting from its claws alludes to the unit's striking power utilizing the elements of speed, surprise, and violence of action. (Approved, 27 Aug 2010)

## **MOTTO**

PARATUS UT MUNIO--Prepared To Defend

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

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Air Force Lineage and Honors

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### Sources

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