

189th SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

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189th Weapon Systems Security Flight
Redesignated 189th Security Police Flight
Redesignated 189th Security Forces Squadron

STATIONS

Little Rock AFB, AR

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Members of the 189th Weapons System Security Flight learned a few new tricks as a result of their alignment with the MAC Security Police concept. 25 WSSF personnel participated in a rappelling training exercise at Camp Robinson during their November 1988 Unit Training Assembly. Members from 'B' and 'C' squads took part in training which consisted of rappelling by rope from the top of a tower to the ground, a distance of some 40 feet, straight down. Rappelling is part of the MAC Volant Scorpion program, which emphasizes airbase ground defensive training techniques. All MAC security police units are required to participate in Volant Scorpion training which is held at Little Rock AFB. The rappelling procedures are applicable to jumping from helicopters as well as buildings.

During the Aug 1982 Unit Training Assembly, thirty-three members of the 189th Security Police Flight were invited to tour the 308th Strategic Missile Wing missile complex near Conway,

Arkansas. The 308th explained operations and security procedures employed by missile crews. The tour consisted of "top-side" and control room procedures, and a walk-through of the living quarters and workstations in the complex. The 189th Security Police greatly appreciated the courtesy and expertise of the 308th Security Police. After their August UTA tour, the 189th Security Police were invited by the 308th to participate with them in a local training exercise held at Camp Robinson 19 Sep. As part of the 189th SAC mission, they could be called upon at any time to assist the 308th Security Police in providing proper security of the Titan II missile. The 308th Security Police were responsible for the security of missiles during transportation between sites around Little Rock Air Force Base. A joint exercise bringing the two groups together was held with nine four-man "fire teams" from the 189th along with members of the 308th. Training side-by-side in an exercise scenario involved the simulated movement of a missile by truck convoy, then suddenly coming under attack by aggressor forces. An Army National Guard UH-1H airlifted the fire teams into the aggressor area, the 189th went in, neutralized the aggressor force and took back the convoy.

Members of 189th Security Forces conducted their annual summer training at Indian Springs Auxiliary Air Field, Nev. May 31-June 14, 1997. The phase level II training was designed to train, exercise, and evaluate Air Force security police and other units tasked with air base ground defense under realistic combat situations in a desert environment. In addition to normal security police duty involving routine law enforcement and weapon systems security, police mobility forces are also tasked for active defense of Air Force resources worldwide.

96th Security Forces Squadron at Eglin AFB, FL, welcomed 38 members of the 189th Security Forces Squadron peacekeepers for a "summer camp." Master Sgt. Tim Welter, 189 SFS first sergeant, worked out a schedule that integrated the 189th with the 96 SFS, without disrupting the existing schedule. "Three or four days of training at Eglin AFB is equal to three or four months of the same training at home station on drill weekends. You retain a lot more when you're doing the job every day, not just two days a month," Master Sgt. Tom Phillips, 189 SFS superintendent said.

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