

445 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

445 Air Police Squadron constituted, 24 Jun 1952

Activated in the Reserve, 8 Jul 1952

Ordered to Active Service, 28 Oct 1962

Relieved from Active Duty, 28 Nov 1962

Discontinued and inactivated, 11 Feb 1963

445 Weapons System Security Flight constituted, 15 Jul 1976

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jan 1977

445 Air Police Squadron and 445 Weapons System Security Flight consolidated, 12 Oct 1984. Consolidated organization designated 445 Weapons Systems Security Flight.

Redesignated 445 Security Police Flight, 15 Aug 1988

Redesignated 445 Security Police Squadron, 1 Oct 1992

Inactivated, 1 May 1994

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Oct 1994

Redesignated 445 Security Forces Squadron

STATIONS

Buffalo, NY, 8 Jul 1952; Niagara Falls Muni Aprt, NY, 15 Jun 1955

Dobbins AFB, GA, 16 Nov 1957-11 Feb 1963

Norton AFB, CA, 1 Jan 1977

March AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1993-1 May 1994

Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, 1 Oct 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

445 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

Capt E. E. Andrews

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Sep 1985-31 Aug 1987

1 Jan 2008-31 Dec 2009

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OPERATIONS

2008 Eighteen members of the 445 Airlift Wing Security Forces Squadron left Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio for Southwest Asia Dec. 20, and 13 more departed Jan 23. The reservists will be deployed for six months in support of ongoing security operations. While deployed, security forces members will perform duties including mobile patrol, quick reaction teams, tower guards, convoy and entry control point security (physical searches, credential checks and escort coordination), said Master Sgt. Walter Bennett, SFS security manager. Although the first group left just days before Christmas, they were enthusiastic and eager to deploy. "I've been waiting a while for this," said Senior Airman William Bowden.

"I'm glad I finally get the opportunity to deploy and make a difference." Airmen Bowden will deploy as a M240 machine gunner. He will serve as a member of the mobile quick reaction force and respond to any alarms on the Tactical Automated System or suspicious activity. He may also be called upon to provide escort on and off base for convoy security. As Tech. Sgt. Khristopher Powell packed his part. I'm humbled by this and just want to make a difference." Sergeant Powell has been deployed four times since Sept 11, 2001. Family members also voiced their support of the deployment. Michelle Grice, wife of Master Sgt. John Grice, and a former Air Force member and Army brat stated, "I totally support his deployment. I understand the entire deployment process. He'll be fine because he knows his job. He'll be alright."

The Grices are expecting a new baby while Sergeant Grice is deployed. Mrs. Grice says she'll be a little sad that he won't be there for the birth, but she has an awesome support system in place. Sergeant Grice will serve as a sector flight sergeant during the deployment. He will direct supervision of all mobile patrols, quick reaction teams, tower guards, and entry control points in his sector on his 14 hour shift, explained Master Sgt. Bennett. Another security forces member, Senior Airman Bradley Scheidt, has been in the Air Force for three years. This is his first

deployment. He was joined at the send-off by his wife Danicia, mother Lisa, father Tim and grandfather Tom. Airman Scheidt's father and grandfather both served in the Air Force.

"I'm glad he gets the opportunity to serve his country. I'm very proud of him and will miss him," said wife Danicia. He's doing what he's always wanted to do, added his mother. Numerous family members were on hand for the send-off. The families were joined by Col. Stephen Goeman, 445 Airlift Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Aaron Mouser, command chief. "I'm extremely proud of our men and women, and their families. Each day they make sacrifices in service to our country. Thanks for volunteering and your willingness to serve. Be reassured that the 445 will take care of your families while you're deployed," said Colonel Goeman.

Family, friends and the Ohio Patriot Guard Riders gathered at the Dayton International Airport June 27, to welcome home 17 Airmen from the 445 Security Forces Squadron. The Airmen returned from a six-month deployment to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, where the Air Force Reserve has been providing the majority of the security forces supporting the installation, said Master Sgt. John Koehl, 445 SFS first sergeant. Overall, the deployment was pretty pain-free, said Master Sgt. Bryan Cephuch, who was a squad leader while deployed. "I think we all feel like we made a difference and that we're all glad to be back with our families," he said. "It certainly makes you appreciate what the Army is doing even more – we were gone six months, they're doing a year."

For Master Sgt. John Grice and Capt. David Moore, the homecoming was especially sweet. Each of them was able to hold their child for the first time. Sergeant Grice's son Ethan is now 4-months old, while Captain Moore's daughter Addison was born only days after he deployed in December.

Family members were also happy to see their loved ones, especially considering stand-still traffic on Interstate 70 threatened to cause some of them to miss the homecoming. However, a flight delay meant most families were able to reach the airport in advance of the returning Airmen. "It feels better, it feels good," said Leslie Stout, wife of Staff Sgt. Timothy Stout, of having her husband back after months without him. While deployed, the Airmen of the 445 SFS performed patrol duties and provided installation security during their daily, 12-hour shifts. They also earned praise from 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron leadership, with two of them earning monthly awards.

The security forces Airmen will remain on orders for more than a month in order to complete necessary in-processing and use leave they earned while activated. The 445 Airlift Wing has about 100 Airmen deployed at any given time, about 75 percent of which are in Iraq or Afghanistan 2009

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