

821 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



MISSION

The 821 Security Forces Squadron, Thule Air Base, Greenland is responsible for security of the 254 square mile Thule Defense Area. This includes a Ballistic Missile Early Warning System, satellite control and tracking facilities, transient aircraft, and the Air Force's only deep seaport. Along with a Danish Police Inspector, they maintain law and order on a base with a population of about 600 fulltime residents including American civilians, Danes, and Greenlanders. They are also responsible for pass and registration, personal, and industrial security.

LINEAGE

821 Security Forces Squadron

STATIONS

Thule AB, Greenland

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



On a disc divided per fess Argent and Gules, two swords in saltire points to chief Gris, highlighted White, hafted Or. Between the swords, a stylized aerospace vehicle in chief of the third, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "DEFENSOR ARCTOS" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "821ST SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON" in Black 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 split background represents the flag of Greenland, depicting total light and total darkness, the Air Force base being the northernmost base in the world. The unit's security forces' mission to defend through law enforcement and security is signified by the crossed swords. The space mission is represented by the stylized aerospace vehicle behind and between the protecting swords.

MOTTO

DEFENSOR ARCTOS--Arctic Defender

OPERATIONS

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Sources

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