

## 823 BASE DEFENSE SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

823 Air Police Squadron constituted, 19 Jan 1956

Activated, 1 Jun 1956

Redesignated 823 Combat Defense Squadron, 1 Nov 1958

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Oct 1961

823 Combat Security Police Squadron constituted, 2 Oct 1968

Activated, 15 Oct 1968

Inactivated, 31 Dec 1969

823 Combat Defense Squadron and 823 Combat Security Police Squadron consolidated  
and redesignated 823 Security Police Squadron, 12 Oct 1984

Redesignated 823 Security Forces Squadron, 20 Sep 2000

Activated, 6 Dec 2000

Redesignated 823 Base Defense Squadron, 30 Sep 2010

#### STATIONS

Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Jun 1956-1 Oct 1961

England AFB, LA, 15 Oct 1968-31 Dec 1969

Moody AFB, GA, 6 Dec 2000

#### ASSIGNMENTS

823 Air Base (later, 823 Combat Support) Group, 1 Jun 1956-1 Oct 1961

82 Combat Security Police Wing, 15 Oct 1968-31 Dec 1969

820 Security Forces (later, 820 Base Defense) Group, 6 Dec 2000

## COMMANDERS

### HONORS

#### Service Streamers

None

#### Campaign Streamers

Vietnam

TET 69/Counteroffensive

#### Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2003

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006

25 Jan 2008-31 May 2009

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

25 Mar-8 Jun 1969

### EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, in base a globe Or gridlined of the field, overall a winged sword point to base, wings in lure, Argent detailed Gris, hilted Gules, the sword tip emitting two lightning flashes in chevron of the second, all within a narrow Red border. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "ALERT REACT SECURE" in Red letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Red border and inscribed "823D BASE DEFENSE SQUADRON" in Red 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 wings represent mobility and rapid deployment, while the sword depicts strength and armament. The globe

signifies the worldwide mission and deployment of the unit. The lightning flashes are indicative of fast strike capabilities. (Approved, 9 Oct 1969)

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

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