

15th SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

15th Security Police Squadron constituted, 28 Jan 1969
Activated, 8 Jun 1969
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1970
Activated, 1 Nov 1971
Redesignated 15th Security Forces Squadron, 1 Jul 1997

STATIONS

MacDill AFB, FL, 8 Jun 1969-1 Oct 1970
Hickam AFB, HI, 1 Nov 1971-1999

ASSIGNMENTS

15th Combat Support Group, 8 Jun 1969-1 Oct 1970
15th Air Base Wing, 1 Nov 1971
15th Support Group, 13 Apr 1992

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

8 Jun-31 Dec 1969

4 Apr-3 Sep 1975

25 Feb-25 Mar 1986

1 Jul 1989-30 Jun 1991

1 Jul 1991-30 Jun 1993

1 Oct 1993-30 Sep 1995

1 Oct 1995-1 Aug 1997

EMBLEM

Approved, 31 Jan 1979

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Members of the 15th Security Forces Squadron faced many challenges as they recently attended the Air Mobility Warfare Center's Phoenix Raven program. In their quest to attain a coveted security forces Raven patch, the five members from Hickam went through more than 120 hours of training and instruction during their nearly three weeks of training. There were more than 50 hours of classroom academics along with anti-terrorism, pressure point control techniques, collapsible baton, weapons and scenario training. In addition, the students have to pass a rigorous physical training regimen. The Phoenix Raven Program ensures an acceptable level of close-in security for aircraft, transiting airfields where security is unknown or additional security is needed to counter local threats.

It's about protection of craft in a country that does not provide the military security for the aircraft, the crew, and the airfield," said Tech. Sgt. Guy 15th SFS program the course by the 421st Combat Training Squadron originally seen to better protect military aircraft in an expeditionary environment. At Ravens school we get a certification that is recognized by the U.S. Air Marshall program," said Sergeant Dashnea. "After the events of September 11, 2001, they started implementing anti hi-jacking procedures into the course." The definition of a Raven is "An Airman, Sailor, or Soldier who has readily accepted the responsibility to ensure the success of our force protection mission. They are all volunteers and are prepared to travel at a moment's notice anywhere around the world to protect Department of Defense assets for as long as it takes to complete the mission," according to Tech. Sgt. Kelly Tabor, Raven course instructor. "Ravens also must be of the highest caliber and always use judgment that will reflect well on missions abroad." From start to finish in the training, camaraderie is emphasized among the students. They march together in formation between classes and they exercise together. They essentially work together in nearly every aspect of the course. "It's not a typical Air Force school where everybody passes, if you fail a test you get a second try, if you don't pass, you're done," said Sergeant Dashnea. "I

can say I learned more in the two weeks than any other training in my AF career." Although the program is tough there are many benefits that come with being one of the elite Ravens in Air Force security forces. "One of the great things about our job is the travel. I have been to every continent," said Sergeant Dashnea. "There is about a 50 percent failure rate at the school. When I went in 1997, we dropped three guys in the first five minutes because they were overweight, they didn't even give them a chance," he added. The missions for the Hickam Ravens usually last from one to two weeks in support of Headquarters Pacific Command commander, Pacific Air Forces commander and other dignitaries. During this fiscal year the Hickam Ravens team will have traveled on more missions by end of May than they did for entire previous two years combined. Currently Hickam's Ravens mainstay for missions is with the 65th Airlift Squadron's special mission flights. With the recent arrival of C-17s their tasking has increased and as the wing's fleet grows so will the Ravens mission. There will be a need for more Ravens here at Hickam. This past week five Hickam security forces airmen returned from the Ravens training course bringing the number of certified Ravens up to 18.

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Sources

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