

1041 SECURITY POLICE SQUADRON (TEST)



MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Phu Cat AB, South Vietnam

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The demands of the Vietnam War led to the creation of Operation SAFE SIDE in 1967. This was an effort to bolster protection of air bases by training Security Police in light infantry tactics and special weapons. Many of the lessons learned during this time are the basis of today's Force Protection doctrine.

Through Operation SAFE SIDE, the 1041st Security Police Squadron (Test) was formed to train for operational deployment to South East Asia and to acquire the experience necessary to develop Air Force doctrine on base defense. After extensive training, the unit was deployed to Phu Cat Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, in January 1967.

The 1041 SPS established observation and listening posts, conducted recon and ambush patrols, and provided mobile response forces. The success of this special unit led to the development of ground combat skills training for Security Police and the evolution of the 82nd Combat Security Police Wing.

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