

20th SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



LINEAGE

Designated as Squadron "B", 20 Airdrome Group on 28 Jul 1947

Activated on 15 Aug 1947

Discontinued on 26 Aug 1948

Consolidated (12 Oct 1984) with the 20 Air Police Squadron, Fighter, Jet, which was constituted on 15 Jun 1948

Activated on 24 Aug 1948

Redesignated 20 Air Police Squadron on 20 Jan 1950

Redesignated 20 Security Police Squadron on 1 May 1967

Inactivated on 1 Jan 1994

Activated on 1 Jan 1994

Redesignated as 20 Security Forces Squadron on 1 Jul 1997

20th Air Police Squadron

20th Security Forces Squadron

STATIONS

Shaw AFB, SC, 24 Aug 1948-27 Nov 1951

Langley AFB, VA, 28 Nov 1951-22 May 1952

RAF Wethersfield, England, 1953

RAF Upper Heyford, England, 1 Dec 1969

Shaw AFB, SC

Shaw Field (later, Shaw AFB), SC, 15 Aug 1947

Langley AFB, VA, 28 Nov 1951-22 May 1952

Wethersfield RAF Station (later, RAF Wethersfield), England, 1 Jun 1952

RAF Upper Heyford, England, 1 Apr 1970-1 Jan 1994

Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jan 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

20 Airdrome (later, 20 Air Base; 20 Support; 20 Combat Support) Group, 15 Aug 1947
7320 Security Police Group, 1 Aug 1985
20 Security Police Group, 21 Oct 1988
20 Support Group, 31 Mar 1992-1 Jan 1994
20 Support (later, 20 Mission Support) Group, 1 Jan 1994

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Citation

1 Jun 2007-31 May 2009

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1956-30 Sep 1957

1 May 1963-31 Dec 1964

1 Jan 1965-31 Mar 1966

1 Jul 1968-31 Mar 1970

1 Sep 1970-30 Jun 1972

31 Mar 1973-30 Jun 1974

1 Jul 1977-30 Jun 1979

1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1983

1 Jul 1987-30 Jun 1989

22 Jan-12 Mar 1991

1 Jul 1990-30 Jun 1992

1 Oct 1992-31 Dec 1993

1 Jan-31 Dec 1994

1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999

1 Jun 1999-31 May 2001

EMBLEM

Approved on 23 Apr 1964

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Two days later, on 26 August 1948, the wing's 20th Airdrome Group was discontinued and its security police (now the 20th Security Police Squadron), installations, food service and air base elements became realigned under the 20th Air Base Group. The creation of the new group fostered the activation of the 20th Finance Disbursing Unit (today's 20th Comptroller Squadron), the 20th Motor Vehicle Squadron (predecessor of the 20th Transportation Squadron), the 20th Installations Squadron (redesignated 20th Civil Engineering Squadron fourteen years later), the 20th Food Service Squadron (antecedent of the 20th Services Squadron), and the 20th Communications Squadron (no relation to the communications organizations serving the wing today).

Summer of 1985 featured two organizational changes. First on 1 July, HQ USAFE activated the 20th Comptroller Squadron - 35 years after its disbandment as the 20th Finance Disbursing Unit (Fighter - Jet), Shaw AFB, SC. The second change involved the activation of the 7320th Security Police Group and the 7320th Security Police Squadron. Control over the 20th Security Police Squadron, already serving the wing, shifted from the 20th Combat Support Group to the new Security Police Group. The commander's title changed to Deputy Commander for Security Police in March 1986.

The lifelines of the 7320th Security Police Group and Squadron were terminated on 21 October 1988, when they were inactivated and functionally replaced by the 20th Security Police Group and the 620th Security Police Squadron. The 20th Security Police Squadron was realigned under the new group.

The 20th Security Police Squadron provides protection for all wing resources. It manages the administrative security programs, operates pass and registration and provides protection for funds, weapons and other resources. The squadron also provides traffic control and law enforcement support for RAF Croughton, Barford St. John and Bicester.





Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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Unit history. 20th Fighter Bomber Wing. 1953.