

21st SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON



MISSION

The 21st Security Forces Squadron is responsible for the overall security of the people and property on Peterson Air Force Base. The security forces mission is to safeguard the people, property and resources located on Peterson Air Force Base and Colorado's Front Range.

LINEAGE¹

21st Air Police Squadron

Redesignated 21st Security Police Squadron

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STATIONS

George AFB, CA, 1 Jan 1953-28 Nov 1954

Chambley AB, France

Elmendorf AFB, AK, 8 Jul 1966

Peterson AFB, CO

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj Philip C. Limbacher, #1957

Lt Col L. Jackson

¹ Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.
Unit yearbook. *21st Fighter Bomber Wing, France 1954-1957*.

Lt Col Thomas P. Allison
Maj Michael Marvich

HONORS
Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



21st Security Police Squadron

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

All bases in Europe constantly tried to improve their defensive security, but security at Chambley was a greater concern because of its special weapons mission. In addition to the usual air police function of on-and-off base traffic control, vehicle registration and pass control, town patrols, and guard duty on base, the 21st Air Police Squadron greatly increased its base defense training and capabilities after the aircraft arrived. The wing's fighters and weapons had to be protected from armed attack and sabotage. All the air bases required extensive policing because their size made them vulnerable to attack with miles of possible entry points. There was particular concern for aircraft security while the planes were deployed at forward operating bases and dispersed

operating bases. Air police manning was never considered sufficient to accomplish all these tasks. Mobile sabotage alert teams were created for rapid response to any detected threats; these teams consisted of at least five heavily armed men driving an M-20 armored truck. Teams were on duty twenty-four hours a day, and were augmented when threat warnings were received from French or USAFE sources. Eventually sentry dogs were added at Chambley to improve intruder detection.