

45 MISSILE SECURITY SQUADRON



MISSION

45th Missile Security Squadron provided dedicated missile security support functions on base and escort/patrol functions between the base and the 150 Launch Facilities (LFs) comprising the 66th, 67th, and 68th SMS. Base functions included staffing Wing Security Control (WSC), the Keys and Codes Control Center (KCCC), Scheduling & Dispatch, and the 45th MSS Vehicle Section. Field functions provided all Security Escort Teams (SETs), Camper Alert Teams (CATs), Mobile Fire Teams (MFTs), and Airborne Fire Teams (AFTs) (the latter used only during Category I convoys) for the 44th SMW's Minuteman force.

A partly garrisoned unit, the 45th MSS provided mobile patrol, nuclear systems security, and SAC Two-Man-Policy enforcement and support for maintenance teams conducting routine or as-needed maintenance in the field, as well as security coverage for clusters of LFs undergoing maintenance at the same time, or whose electronic intrusion detection systems were experiencing problems. The squadron was responsible for its own small fleet of Cadillac Gage 'Ranger' five-ton armored patrol/escort vehicles, 'six-pack' pickups with commercial camper shells mounted in their beds as longer-duration field security vehicles, and other multi-passenger vehicles for command functions and convoy support.

Scheduling & Dispatch office was the nerve center for the squadron itself. It tracked all assigned personnel, monitored their accumulated duty hours, posted, stand-by and crew rest schedules, coordinated daily with the 44th SMW's maintenance deputate to provide security escorts for maintenance trips to the field, assigned CATs to provide physical security for certain sites awaiting maintenance, and scheduled MFTs to provide roving security coverage for a variety of SAC systems security requirements. Like the 44th MSS, the 45th MSS also provided field security supervisory personnel to monitor their troops in the field.

LINEAGE

45 Missile Security Squadron
Activated, 1 Oct 1977

STATIONS

Ellsworth AFB, SD, 1 Oct 1977

ASSIGNMENTS

44 Security Police Group

COMMANDERS**HONORS**

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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