

Lineage and Honors History
of the
31st Security Police Squadron
Vietnam

Tuy Hòa AB, South Vietnam, 15 Jul 1967-15 Oct 1970

LINEAGE.

- **Designated Squadron B, 31st Airdrome Group** on 6 Nov 1947.
- **Organized** on 20 Nov 1947.
- **Discontinued** on 25 Aug 1948.
- **Consolidated** (12 Oct 1948) with the 31st Air Police Squadron, Fighter, Jet, which was constituted on 15 Jun 1948.
- **Activated** on 22 Aug 1948.
- **Redesignated** 31st Air Police Squadron on 20 Jan 1950.
- **Inactivated** on 1 Jul 1952.
- **Activated** on 25 Sep 1957.
- **Inactivated** on 1 Jan 1959.
- **Redesignated** 31st Security Police Squadron, and **Activated** 9 Jun 1967.
- **Organized** on 15 Jul 1967.
- **Inactivated** on 1 Apr 1994.
- **Activated** on 1 Apr 1994.

STATIONS.

- **Turner Field** (later Turner, AFB), GA, 20 Nov 1947-1 Jul 1952;
- **Turner AFB**, GA, 25 Sep 1957-1 Jan 1959;
- **Tuy Hòa AB, South Vietnam**, 15 Jul 1967-15 Oct 1970 ;
- **Homestead AFB**, FL, 15 Oct 1970-1 Apr 1994;
- **Aviano AB, Italy**, 1 Apr 1994-

HONORS.

SERVICE STREAMERS. None

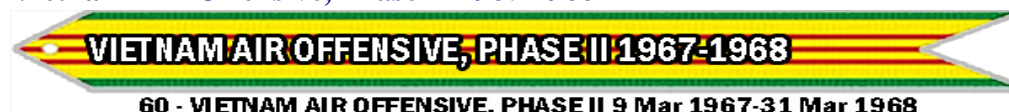
CAMPAIGN STREAMERS.

A Campaign Streamer is a Vietnam Service Streamer with the name and dates of the campaign embroidered on it. With one exception, the Vietnam Air-Ground Campaign, a unit qualified for a campaign streamer if it was based in Vietnam or engaged in combat in Southeast Asia during the period of a designated campaign.

["Current issue battle streamer as used on US military flags. Overall length 49" embroidered in white on the color of the "Vietnam Service" medal ribbon. This practice dates from June 1920 as prescribed by the Secretary of War and continues to this day."]

VIETNAM WAR

- **Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II** 1967-1968



- **Vietnam Air / Ground Offensive** 1968

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62 - VIETNAM AIR/GROUND 1968
- Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III 1968
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61-VIETNAM AIR OFFENSIVE, PHASE III 1 Apr-31 Oct 1968
- Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV 1968-1969
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63 - VIETNAM AIR OFFENSIVE CAMPAIGN (USAF): 1 NOV 1968-22 FEB 1969
- Tet 69/Counteroffensive 1969
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64 - TET 69/COUNTEROFFENSIVE 23 Feb-8 Jun 1969
- Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969
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65 - VIETNAM SUMMER-FALL 1969 (Army, Navy, USAF, USCG): 9 JUN 1969-31 OCT 1969
- Vietnam Winter-Spring, 1969-1970.
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66 - VIETNAM WINTER-SPRING 1970 (Army, USAF, USCG): 1 NOV 1969-30 APR 1970
- Sanctuary Counteroffensive, 1970.
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67 - SANCTUARY COUNTEROFFENSIVE (Army, Navy, USAF, USCG): 1 MAY 1970-30 JUN 1970
- Southwest Monsoon, 1970.
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68 - SOUTHWEST MONSOON (USAF): 1 JUL 1970-30 NOV 1970

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMERS. None.

DECORATIONS.

The Vietnam Service Streamer, a unit award analogous to the award of the medal and ribbon for the individual. is identical to the ribbon in design and color. A United States Air Force (USAF) unit qualified for the Vietnam Service Streamer if it was based in South Vietnam at any time between 1 July 1958 and 14 November, or 29 January through 28 March 1973.* A unit based during these same periods in Thailand and flying missions into or over Vietnam also received the Vietnam Service Streamer. Nonpaying combat support units based in Thailand at any time between 1 July 1958 and 28 March 1973 are also entitled to the service streamer.

* Units earned the appropriate campaign streamers between 15 November 1961 and 28 January 1973.

Presidential Unit Citation:

Vietnam, 1 May-31 Dec 1968.



Presidential Unit Citation

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device:

Vietnam, 15 Jul 1967-30 Apr 1968.

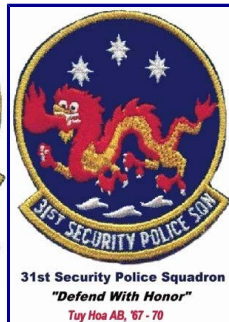


Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

ORGANIZATIONAL EMBLEM: 31ST Security Police Squadron

Unit Emblem History:

- **Constituted 31st Air Police Squadron** on 15 Jun 1948
- **Redesignated 31st Security Police Squadron** on 9 Jun 1967.



-- **Emblem approved on 5 May 1969:**

-- **Revised Emblem Requested** on 28 Jun 1994

-- **Revised Emblem Approved** 25 Oct 1994. (see attached)

CABLE NUMBERS OF COLORS:

Full:	Suggested Cable No.	Subdued Colors:	PMS NO.OF FULL color:
Ultramarine Blue	67118	Flag Blue	67124 Reflex Blue
Air Force Yellow	67103	SP.Green	67130 116
Marine Corps Red	67154	Garnet	67158 185
Silver Gray	67137	Black	67138 422
Black	65018	Black	67138

SIGNIFICANCE: The emblem is symbolic of the Squadron and The Air Force colors, golden yellow and ultramarine blue, are used. Ultramarine blue denotes the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, and yellow the sun and excellence of personnel in assigned duties. The primary element, the dragon, represents the fire power of the combined forces of the squadron which are vital for its mission of defense regardless of location. The three stars symbolize bravery, alertness, and devotion to duty; these attributes are essential to the security policeman in the accomplishment of his duties. The three waves in base depict the squadron's combat capability to defend USAF personnel and resources across any ocean, in any part of the world. The National Colors also are used in the design.

MOTTO: DEFEND WITH HONOR.

DESCRIPTION: On a blue disc edged yellow between three white mullets of eight points in chief and three white stylized waves in base, an oriental dragon (yellow with brown details, head, underbody, feet, tail and scales red, eyes, talons and teeth white, pupil of eye black) emitting three red tongues of flame from its mouth. Attached below the disc a blank scroll blue edged yellow.

DATE PREPARED. 4 Nov 1996

SUPERSEDES statement prepared on 26 Jun 1967

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