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**1041st Security Police Squadron (Test) - Safeside**

**82nd Combat Security Police Wing**

- 821st CSPS
- 822nd CSPS
- 823d CSPS

**Operation Safeside**

<p><b>821st COMBAT DEFENSE SQUADRON 1967-71</b></p>	<p><b>821st COMBAT DEFENSE SQUADRON Beret Patch Phan Rang AB, 1968; 1969-71</b></p>	<p><b>821st COMBAT DEFENSE SQUADRON Ellsworth AFB (Current)</b></p>	<p><b>822nd COMBAT Security Police Squadron Phan Rang AB, 1968-169</b></p>	<p><b>822nd CSPS Phan Rang AB, 1968-69</b></p>
<p><b>82nd CSPS Wing</b></p>	<p><b>823rd CSPS Phan Rang AB</b></p>	<p><b>823rd CSPS Phan Rang AB, 1968-69</b></p>	<p><b>1041st SPS (T) Phu Cat AB 1967</b></p>	<p><b>Current Security Forces Beret Flash reflects tradition and heritage linked to the 1041st SPS (T)</b></p>



822d Combat Security Police Squadron  
Phan Rang AB, Aug 1968-Mar 1969  
**SAFESIDE**

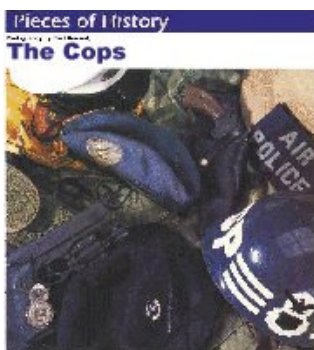
From the Air Force Historical Research Agency, attached is emblem for 82nd CSPS Wing, authorized just before it was deactivated. I got it for my buddy, Larry Sutherland. I have already put in a request for microfilm records. Will share the good stuff, when I see what I get back.

[Pat Dunne](#)

Hat pins of the 82nd Combat Security Police Wing were submitted by [Russell L. Harrell](#)

**Pieces of our History: The Cops - "The Air Force's own Infantry!"**

(Photo left by Paul Kennedy)



**Safeside:** A special section will soon post regarding the 82nd Combat Security Police Wing, and its CSPS. The term "Combat Security Police Squadron (CSPS)", was unique to the squadrons descended from the [1041st SPS \(T\)](#), which became the 82nd CSPS Wing, and trained the 821st, 822nd, and 823d, and was bestowed officially upon them by the United States Air Force.

**Official Combat Security Police Squadrons, and Vietnam Bases:**

1041st SPS (USAF Test) Assigned Phu Cat AB, Jan-Jul 1967

821st CSPS Assigned Phan Rang AB: Apr-Aug 1968; and, Aug 1969-Feb 1971

822nd CSPS Assigned Phan Rang AB: Aug 1968-Mar 1969

823d CSPS Assigned Phan Rang AB: Mar-Aug 1969

Other APS/SPS were not officially named as "Combat" Air/Security Police Squadrons. In fact, in the early years of the war, the Safeside did not exist, although the need for such units were being recognized. The first time I heard the term "Combat Air Police Squadron" was at Đà Nẵng Air Base, 1965, and until my 1966 DEROS, was used by then Squadron Commander LTC Arthur G. Phillips Jr.. I'm sure LTC Arthur G. Phillips Jr. used the term to reflect "where" the 6252nd "Combat" Air Police Squadron was assigned, the duties we were charged with,

and having the first two combat deaths by Air/Security Police in South Vietnam. *Don Poss*

***The Falcon Flash on the Light Blue Beret, represents the 821st Combat Security Police Squadron, Phan Rang, RVN.***



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