

# Vietnam

## Lineage and Honors History of the

### 12th SPS

CRB AB, SVN, 8 Nov 1965-31 Mar 1970  
Phu Cat AB, SVN, 31 Mar 1970-17 Nov 1971

#### LINEAGE.

- **Constituted 12th Air Police Squadron, on 27 Oct 1950. Activated on 1 Nov 1950.**
- **Inactivated on 16 Jun 1952.**
- **Activated on 3 Nov 1965.**
- **Organized on 8 Nov 1965.**
- **Redesignated 12th Security Police Squadron on 15 May 1967.**
- **Inactivated on 17 Nov 1971.**

#### ASSIGNMENTS.

- **12th Air Base Group, 1 Nov 1950;**
- **27th Air Base Group, 6 Aug 1951-16 Jun 1952.**
- **12th Combat Support Group, 8 Nov 1965-17 Nov 1971.**
- **12th Air Base (later, 12th Support) Group, 30 Apr 1976--.**

#### STATIONS.

- **Turner AFB, GA, 1 Nov 1950;**
- **Bergstrom AFB, Texas, 3 Dec 1950-16 Jun 1952.**
- **Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, 8 Nov 1965 ;**
- **Phu Cat AB, South Vietnam, 31 Mar 1970-17 Nov 1971.**
- **Randolph AFB, Texas 30 Apr 1976--.**

#### HONORS.

**SERVICE STREAMERS. None.**

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#### SERVICE STREAMERS.

**Fifteen campaign streamers and thirteen 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.*

#### 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.

#### VIETNAM WAR:

Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, 8 Nov 1965:



57-VIETNAM DEFENSE 2 Mar 1965-30 Jan 1966



58 - VIETNAM AIR (USAF): 31 Jan-28 Jun 1966



59 - VIETNAM AIR OFFENSIVE 29 Jun 1966-08 Mar 1967



60 - VIETNAM AIR OFFENSIVE, PHASE II 9 Mar 1967-31 Mar 1968



61-VIETNAM AIR OFFENSIVE, PHASE III 1 Apr-31 Oct 1968



62 - VIETNAM AIR/GROUND 1968



63 - VIETNAM AIR OFFENSIVE CAMPAIGN (USAF): 1 NOV 1968-22 FEB 1969



64 - TET 69/COUNTEROFFENSIVE 23 Feb-8 Jun 1969



65 - VIETNAM SUMMER-FALL 1969 (Army, Navy, USAF, USCG): 9 JUN 1969-31 OCT 1969



66 - VIETNAM WINTER-SPRING 1970 (Army, USAF, USCG): 1 NOV 1969-30 APR 1970

Phu Cat AB, South Vietnam, 31 Mar 1970-17 Nov 1971:



67 - SANTUARY COUNTEROFFENSIVE (Army, Navy, USAF, USCG): 1 MAY 1970-30 JUN 1970



68 - SOUTHWEST MONSOON (USAF): 1 JUL 1970-30 NOV 1970



69 - COMMANDO HUNT V (USAF): 1 DEC 1970-14 MAY 1971



**ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMERS.** None.

**DECORATIONS.**

**Presidential Unit Citation:**

- (Vietnam) 8 Feb 1971-8 Apr 1971.

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



- 1 Jun 1967-31 May 1968;
- 1 Jun 1968-31 May 1969;
- 1 Jun 1969-31 Mar 1970;
- 1 Apr 1970-21 Oct 1971.

**Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards:**



- 1 Jun 1966-31 May 1967; 1 May 1976-15 Mar 1978;
- 1 Jan 1979-31 Dec 1979.

**Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm:**



- 15 Oct 1965-10 Nov 1971;
- 1 Apr 1966-17 Nov 1971.

**EMBLEM.**





12th Security Police Squadron  
"The Fighting 12th"

**12th Security Police Sq.**

**UNIT EMBLEM: 12th Air POLICE SQUADRON**

**Approved: 29 Sep 1980. Negative Number: KE-71141.**

**SIGNIFICANCE:** The building represents Randolph AFB facilities, the protection of which is a major squadron mission, along with base-wide law enforcement and security. The silhouetted figure symbolizes the alertness and readiness of squadron personnel in performing their mission. **MOTTO: THE FIGHTING 12TH.**

**DESCRIPTION:** On a light blue disc, edged with a narrow ultramarine blue border, a white representation of the prominent building at Randolph AFB known as the "Taj Mahal," detailed blue, surmounted by a blue silhouetted uniformed member of the Air Force. Attached above and below the disc, blank yellow scrolls, edged blue, showing a blue reverse. Scrolls are intended for the unit motto, above, and unit designation, below.

**CABLE NUMBERS OF COLORS:**

**Ultramarine Blue 65010 (AF Ultramarine)**

**Blue Turquoise 70021**

**Air Force Yellow 70068**

**White 65005**

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