



8th SPS Commander's Guard
Drill Team Beret Flash

**COMMANDER'S GUARD
DRILL TEAM
UBON RTAFB, Thailand
8th Security Police Squadron
1974**

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1) 8th SPS Commander's Guard Drill Team present at U.S. Army VIP welcome. Drill Team is led by 2nd Lt. Lawrence C. Cling.



2) 8th SPS Commander's Guard Drill Team marching to Ubon RTAFB flight line.



3) 8th SPS Commander's Guard Drill Team, performing on flight line.



4) 8th SPS Commander's Guard Drill Team, performing precision drill on flight line.



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Ubon RTAFB Now Has Precision Drill Team

Remember the guy in basic who had to carry a rock in his hand, so he could keep tabs on which right way his right? Or how about the time half the flight flaked, while the other half omitted all in an oblique? Pretty messy, huh?

Makes a man wonder how these matters of the millenium would cope with "DOUBLETOHEREARBY THE LEFTFLANKRIGHT-FLANKDOUBLETO THE REAR—HITTT!"

That's just one of the comments which send Ubon RTAFB's precision drill team, "The Commander's Guard," prancing and pivoting during the course of their marching and weapon handling routines.

Formed only two months ago, already their leader, 2nd Lt. Lawrence C. Cline, compares the Guard with a college team "that's been practicing for six months."

Lieutenant Cline is a former regimental com-

mander of the 10th Pershing M.Fes, a Reserve Officer Training Corps drill team.

To date, the Guard has performed at two awards ceremonies, a dining-in held at Southeast

Asia's only precision marching unit, the Human team carries M-1 Garand rifles and sport uniforms consisting of black berets, blue jump suits, white

scarves, white belts, and combat shoes with white laces.

All but two members come from the 8th Security Police Squadron. The exceptions are Lieutenant Cline from the 8th Special Operations Squadron and A1C Don Carroll, 592nd Communications Squadron.

Security police members are TSgt. Willie M. Nixon, Sgt. James M. Thompson, Sgt. John Ambro, Sgt. John Barrery Jr., Sgt. William Cole, Sgt. Alton L. Dickey, Sgt. John C. Hall, Sgt. Keith Kinoshita, Sgt. Jack Lydon, Sgt. Lawrence R. Martin, Sgt. Zack Miller Jr., Sgt. William Sipe, Sgt. Walter Smith and Sgt. Daniel Taylor.

The Guard is looking for additional members, preferably people with most of their four mills ahead of them.

The qualifications, according to one team member, include the ability to "stand up under yelling" and a readiness to "put in at least two off-duty hours of practice every day."



COMMANDER'S GUARD — Members of the Commander's Guard pose with Col. F.A. Humphreys, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing commander. The precision marching unit gave the commander a special demonstration in front of wing headquarters before moving downtown to perform at the 1973 Ubon Provincial Fair. (U.S. Air Force Photo By SSgt. Priscill V. Sively Jr.)

6) Ubon RTAFB, Phantom Flyer news article: 8th SPS Commander's Guard Drill Team performing by governor's request for the second time.



7) 8th SPS Hooch area.



8) 8th SPS Commander's Guard Drill Team pin.

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