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44th FIGHTER SQUADRON CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

We can't stop here, this is bat country



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Peter Reft)

Two F-15C Eagle aircraft with the 44th Fighter Squadron fly in formation during an inflight refueling exercise, March 21, 2016, off the coast of Japan. 44th FS pilots carry out contingency operations and provide around-the-clock theater security throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

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Behind the badge: What it's like being a Defender



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Stephen G. Eigel)

Staff Sgt. Troy Turnbo and Airman 1st Class Rachel Dolan, 18th Security Forces Squadron patrolmen, write a traffic citation after pulling a dependent over for driving while on their phone at Kadena Air Base, June 13.

By Senior Airman Stephen G. Eigel

18th Wing Public Affairs

6/16/2016 — Operating 24-hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, Airmen in the 18th Security Forces Squadron are charged with security and force protection of more than 34,000 personnel and billions of dollars' worth of deployed assets, equipment and aircraft here.

To be a "Defender," takes a high volume of training and knowledge in weaponry, laws, directives and programs, policies, and procedures governing security forces activities, as well as a motivated individual ready for the task at hand.

"I was extremely motivated

to be security forces," said Airman 1st Class Rachel Dolan, 18th SFS patrolman. "I told my recruiter when I was coming in that I would wait forever if I had to, because I wanted all the action that's in our job. I wanted to be able to get the bad guys and help the good guys."

The squadron has a 58-square-mile legal jurisdiction which includes seven Department of Defense schools and 14 housing areas. Additionally, the squadron supports pass and registration services for the installation, criminal investigative capabilities and completes more than 18,000 customs inspections annually.

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Team Kadena recognizes Turkey Shoot winners

Airmen from the 67th Fighter Squadron receive the Top Fighter Squadron Award at the 2016 Turkey Shoot awards ceremony at the Keystone Theater, June 16, at Kadena Air Base. The award was presented to the 67th FS as a result of a series of scenarios including academic knowledge tests and tactical attack and defense simulations.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Naoto Anazawa)