

Ohio Air National Guard Security Forces Experience

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Background

- **Location:** Mansfield, Ohio
- **Base:** 179th Airflift Wing
- **Organization:** Ohio Air National Guard, Security Forces Squadron
- **Mission Statement:** “To provide force protection to ensure operational readiness and to protect war fighting resources.”
- **How did I find this opportunity?:** In 2016, I enlisted in the Ohio Air National Guard. Working for Security Forces has never been my official job. I heard about an opening for the temporary position while a group of deployers went to the Middle East last March. I saw this as a great chance to gain leverage to obtain a Park Ranger or Natural Resources Law Enforcement position in the future.



Reflection

- Acknowledging how I must be a multifaceted Park Ranger, functioning as public servant who is not only enforcing laws and policies, but the proper treatment of our natural world and the people who have the right to enjoy it is my major takeaway. This path is not just about me. This is about serving people, and the land that we all have the right to enjoy.
- In the future, I plan to apply for a position with the US Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management.
- I hope to proceed with training schools, and eventually relocate out west!

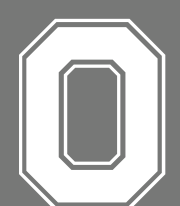
On The Job

Main Duties:

- Safely Arming and Disarming
- Random Vehicle Searches (Base Entry Point Check or BEPC)
- Base Perimeter Securing Procedures/Patrols
- Installation Entry Controller
- Participation in Security Forces Exercises (Detaining, Gate Runner, Suspect Apprehension)

Highlighted Accomplishments:

- Learning to have productive communication while interacting with the public in a LEO position
- Understanding how to properly and safely utilize equipment, such as radios, bulletproof vests, firearms, radios, and patrol vehicles with US Air Force Standards



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