

314th CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON



MISSION

314th Civil Engineer Squadron mission was to provide base support for a continuous training mission and ensure access for a global airlift mission.

Fire and Rescue personnel from the 314th CES provide emergency services for aircraft related accidents on the tarmac and runway. Led by Chief Norman, Fire and Rescue personnel are expected to reach any site on the flight-line in less than three minutes. To accomplish this mission, they are well trained and supplied with state-of-the-art fire control equipment and rescue gear.

Fire and Rescue personnel from the 314th CES conduct training exercises on their disaster simulator equipment at LRAFB. Operating under the watchful eye of the Chief, the elite fire-fighters of the 314th CES stand ready to respond at a moments notice to any incident involving LRAFB aircraft or personnel. Response time from the flight line fire depot to anywhere on the tarmac is expected to be three minutes or less. The location of the building, constructed in 1955 near the original control tower, was intended to provide coverage for both main runways originally envisioned for the base. Cancellation of the second runway led to the asymmetric location of the fire-house. Plans are in the works for a new station, to be centrally located along the flight line, to provide for shorter response times to incidents at the western end of the air strip.

314th Civil Engineer Squadron consisted of: 216 military, 113 civilians and 44 Individual Mobilization Augmentees.

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314th Installations Squadron
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Inactivated

STATIONS

Sewart AFB, TN
Little Rock AFB, AR, 31 Apr 1970

ASSIGNMENTS

314th Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

LTC Richard H. Hamill
LTC Michael Falino

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The past year has provided many opportunities for the Combat Engineers to do what they do best: perform as a team. With firefighters leading the charge, the entire unit fought a 25-acre woodland fire that threatened 12 base housing units. They stopped the fire cold just 50 feet from the homes, valued at 1.5 million dollars. The Combat Engineers deployed more than 50 personnel to eight locations in support of five operations over the past year, including a team deployment to Kuwait under Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.

In December 2000, Arkansas was devastated by two of the worst ice storms in its history. Despite the majority of the state being without power for up to 14 days, base operations were practically unhindered as snow and ice teams maintained a 100 percent operational aerodrome and base accessibility.

314th CES efforts this year were not limited to contingency and emergency response; Combat Engineers also demonstrated they can be civil. Our Environmental Flight established a Consent Administrative Order (CAO) to set ground rules for compliance issues between the base and state. The CAO fosters close work relations with Arkansas regulators and is the first of its kind Air Force-wide.

Through integrated process teams, the Housing Flight executed a benchmarked privatization acquisition program to improve the quality of living for military families. The Engineering Flight has earned the AETC Civil Engineer/ Logistics Partnering Award for the second consecutive year. The 314th CES also received the DoD Fire Department of the Year Award in 1999 and was recently selected as the AETC Outstanding Small CE Unit for the second year in a row. The future of The Rock. is in good hands. 2011

The 314th Combat Engineers Squadron's Prime BEEF Team was shipped to Eglin Air Force Base in Florida for runway repair training where they set a record for repairing a "damaged" runway in two hours and two minutes. Their performance shattered the previous record by eleven minutes. If a runway is put out of order by enemy action, the assets at the base are for all intents and purposes useless. The Combat Engineers' rapid repairs allow planes to keep flying.

The base's Fire Department performed a community service. North of Jacksonville on Highway 5, past Romance and El Paso, lies the tiny town of Rosebud. This sleepy little village became the scene of carnage in June when a tanker truck burst into flames in the heart of town. The Little Rock Air Force Base Fire Department sent a crew up Highway 5 to assist. Fighting the blaze in the summer heat, the airmen extinguished the fire and were later credited with saving the town from destruction.



314th Installations Squadron Fire Department personnel and equipment, Sewart AFB, TN (USAF photo)



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