

94 CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON



MISSION

94 Civil Engineer Squadron plans, builds, maintains, and repairs base facilities and utility systems to support the 94 Airlift Wing mission. Deploys worldwide in support of expeditionary wartime and peacetime air base operability requirements. The Squadron provides fire protection, environmental management, explosive ordnance disposal and military family housing services. Prepares for and responds to peacetime natural and manmade disasters.

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Dobbins AFB, GA, 22 Oct 1950-20 Mar 1951

Dobbins AFB, GA, 14 Jun 1952-18 May 1955

Scott AFB, IL, 18 May 1955-16 Nov 1957

Laurence G Hanscom Fld, MA, 16 Nov 1957-11 Feb 1963

Dobbins AFB (later, Dobbins ARB), GA, 1 Jul 1976

ASSIGNMENTS

94 Air Base Group, 22 Oct 1950-20 Mar 1951

94 Air Base Group, 14 Jun 1952-11 Feb 1963

94 Tactical Airlift Wing, 1 Jul 1976

94 Combat Support (later, 94 Support) Group, 1 Dec 1986

94 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

Maj George S. King, Jr.

Lt Col William Karsner

Maj James Chafin, 2 Jun 1990

Maj Stephen E. West, 2 Nov 1997

Lt Col Earle B. Combs IV, 12 May 2004

Lt Col James E. Lehman, 4 Mar 2007

Maj John G. Anderson, 29 Jan 2009 (Temporary)

Lt Col Christopher Whitehead, 19 May 2009



Lt Col Scott A. Carlin

Lt Col Scott A. Carlin, 1 Oct 2011

Lt Col Andre Wright

Lt Col Marshall Irvin

Lt Col Christopher T. Whitehead

Maj Joseph Thomas

Lt Col Emily Steinfort

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1976-30 Nov 1977

1 Jan 1981-31 Dec 1982

1 Jan 1984-31 Jul 1985

15 Aug 1987-14 Aug 1989

30 Aug 1990-29 Aug 1992

16 Aug 1992-15 Aug 1994

16 Aug 1995-15 Aug 1997

EMBLEM



94 Civil Engineer Squadron doesn't have an officially approved emblem. Both patches are unapproved.

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OPERATIONS

Members of the 94th Civil Engineering Squadron deployed to two European bases from April 19 - May 5, 1985 for annual training. Training was conducted at Ramstein AB, Germany, and RAF Upper Heyford, England.

More than 50 Air Force Reserve fire fighters augmented the 1st Provisional Airlift Squadron in Germany as they flew their forward battle field supply missions in support of Autumn Forge NATO exercises. Under the direction of SMSgt. Harvey Miller, 94th Civil Engineering Flight Fire Chief, the Reservists showed that if it comes to providing fire and crash protection overseas, they are "ready now." The 94th TAW provided more than half of the people, but the contingent of flame retarders came from several Air Force Reserve bases." We had people from Westover, Youngstown, Willow Grove. and Kelly," said Chief Miller. "Keesler AFB , Miss., Chicago O'Hare , Andrews AFB , Md. , and Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio, also provided some. It was amazing the way all these units and people melded together into a smooth hardworking unit. "I'm real proud of these Reservists, " Miller said. "Not only did we stand ready to handle a fire or crash on C-7 , C-123 or C-130 aircraft, but we also provided manpower to assist in aircraft security through the positioning of floodlighting. 1978

Men and women from the 94 Civil Engineering Squadron are keeping busy with several training tours at other bases this summer. In addition to food service workers supporting the annual tour at Dobbins AFB Ga the unit currently has 27 members augmenting the Westover Ma. Fire Department for two weeks. The members will return to Dobbins June 12. On July 10, three other groups from the unit will leave Dobbins for two-week tours: 21 members, led by 2nd Lt. Steve West, will travel to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska to construct parking lots and sidewalks; 70 members will go to Eielson AFB, Alaska to renovate the recreation center and convert a building to a Repairable Assets Control Center; and ten food service personnel will support the 908th TAG, Maxwell AFB, Ala. during their annual tour at Savannah, Ga.

Six members of the 94th Civil Engineering Squadron Fire Department performed their annual tour at Dobbins AFB, GA, from 20 Jul to 3 Aug 1985. The airmen responded to situations simulating emergency landings, air evacuations, and egress drills, as well as performing ramp patrol and attending classes on ARO and Installed Systems.

Six other members from the 94th CES Fire Department performed their annual tour at Gulfport, Mississippi, from 17 Aug to 31 Aug 1985. Working twelve-hour shifts, the fire personnel received training in handling fuel spill situations, equipment usage (including the P-13 and P-10), egress training, and extinguishing both day and night time pit fires. Other training requirements of a more routine nature were completed, including human relations, UCMJ, and physical training.

The deep south went to the far north last month as 104 members of the 94 Civil Engineering Squadron deployed to Alaska for two weeks. The engineers left Dobbins July 10 on a C-141 and nine hours later landed at Eielson AFB. Eighty-two people got off there and the rest went on to Elmendorf AFB. The Eielson group remodeled a recreation center and renovated an old building for use as a repairable assets control center. At Elmendorf, twenty 94th CES members built a parking lot and sidewalks.

"We treated the trip like a combat deployment ," said Maj. Dean Hutton of the 94th. "We went at the construction work with a good bit of realism, simulating rapid runway repair procedures and incorporating combat civil engineering techniques. "We tried our best to make

the deployment a valid training experience for everyone." At Elmendorf, the Georgians augmented the 21 Civil Engineering Squadron which gained valuable experience as well, according to 2d Lt. Mark Coburn of the 21st. "They did a great job," said the Lieutenant. "The base received some excellent work from real professionals; work we normally couldn't complete as quickly ourselves. We also learned to work together better as a single unit."

The 94th Civil Engineering Squadron participated in an overnight bivouac at a remote airstrip in the Florida panhandle during the October UTA. Members of the Prime BEEF team joined up with the 919 CES from Eglin AFB, Florida, for the annual training exercise. Training was received in the areas of deployment procedures, camp set-up, sanitation, explosive ordinance reconnaissance, and camp security procedures. Included in the 104-person group were five Weapons Systems Security flight personnel and eight Prime RIBS people. The 94th generated two aircraft to the exercise, which was considered to have been valuable training.

The purpose of the exercise was to allow Civil Engineering personnel the opportunity to utilize training received in classrooms at their home stations. The training was put to use in actual field conditions for more realistic practice in setting up and operating a camp in a bare-base operation, the objective was to establish a secure camp environment in the field, according to Maj. Karsner, commander, 94th, CES and Maj. Alfred Rondina, commander of the 919th CES from Eglin AFB, Fla.

"We will be in a classroom situation some of the time," said SMSgt Jay Peters, structural manager with the 94th CES. "We will get support from the 700th Tactical Airlift Squadron as well as the WSSF." Peters added that the Florida Air National Guard will provide a helicopter and that the Prime Ribs unit here will work with the 919th Prime Ribs from Eglin. The Air Force Engineers and Services Center at Eglin will give a briefing on explosive ordinance with a display of newly acquired Russian bombs, according to Peters.

The 3201st Air Base Group at Eglin will spray the area for insects and the 728th Tactical Control Squadron; an active duty unit from Duke Field Fl. will assist the 94th CES in preparations for a force 'bed down'. Five members of the 94th WSSF will help train CE personnel, the training unit will be under the direction of TSgt Charles A. Spahn, team chief for the WSSF. "We want to help them provide their own security while they work. This is important because if they were in a wartime situation, they would have to provide defense for their people," said MSgt William Moody of the WSSF. The Weapons System training crew will teach personal hygiene, methods of camouflaging the work area and how to take care of daily needs while in a field situation, according to Maj. Gregory Lynn, WSSF commander.

A total of 104 personnel from Dobbins boarded two C-130s early Saturday morning for the flight to the remote airstrip in Florida, known as Auxiliary Field No. 1 of Eglin AFB. Included in the group were five personnel from the 94th WSSF and eight personnel from the 94th CES Prime RIBS team. All personnel looked forward to two days of participation in the "force bed down" exercise at the remote location.

A major part of the training included security of the camp. An aggressor force, made up of personnel from the 919th Weapons Security Systems Flight at Eglin AFB, was on hand to simulate attacks on the camp as a part of the training. Their first attack occurred upon arrival of the 94th CES at the airstrip, as they disembarked from the aircraft. The second attack came late on Saturday afternoon, after the camp had been established and personnel had been stationed around the camp perimeter. CE personnel were assigned the task of camp security due to the fact

that under a realistic setting, there might not be enough security personnel on hand to provide adequate protection for the camp.

Preparation and support for the "force bed down" by the two CE Squadrons was provided by a number of active duty and reserve units from both Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field in Florida. During the bivouac, personnel from the two units attended classes on the various aspects of a bare-base camp operation. Classes included briefings on sanitation, field latrines, utility systems, explosive ordinance removal, a slide and tape briefing on the different CE teams and a briefing on the functions of Civil Engineering in Wartime conditions. Chemical warfare ensembles were worn by CE personnel during the set up and operation of the camp as a part of the training.

The 94 CES completed annual tours at Langley AFB, Virginia, in three increments, from 14-28 Jun 86, 28 Jun-12 Jul 86 and 17 Jul - 2 Aug 86. Unit members worked on renovations on the hospital, installation of emergency lights, renovation of the office space and various other projects around the base. Training was also received at home on different projects. Routine training was also conducted with 26 people completing M-16 training and 17 people completing chemical warfare defense training during the period. From 1 Oct to 31 Dec 86, 19 people completed M-16 training and 57 completed TQT, with nine completing CWD training. During October, training was received from the 94th Weapon Systems Security Flight (WSSF) in perimeter defense and attack response. Training was also received in tent erection with no annual tours being conducted during the period.

Three 94 Civil Engineering Squadron firefighters helped contain a mountain brush fire May 18 which destroyed 100 acres of property at Fort Bliss, Tex. MSgt. Grover M. Weathington, SrA Richard M. David, and Amn Barry L. Boatwright had to climb up 1000 feet of rugged mountain terrain to reach the fire which was inaccessible to Fort Bliss fire trucks. "It was about 2 miles almost straight up" said Airman Davis who works for Fulton Industrial Print Pack Industries in Atlanta, Ga. "It took us about 45 minutes to climb the mountain which is about 10 miles north of El Paso. After catching our breath we fought the fire for two hours with shovels."

Sergeant Weathington, a 94 CES fire team chief and full time fireman at Dobbins, and Airman Boatwright from Marietta, Ga. were photographed fighting the fire by an El Paso Sun-Times reporter. The photo appeared in the newspaper the next day. The men were also included in local TV coverage. Sergeant Weathington from Carrollton, Ga. has been a fireman at Dobbins since 1956. Sergeant Boatwright is a student at Kennesaw College and works for the Vinings Chemical Co. in Marietta.

"Our Reserve team got good training there including CPR and first aide," the Sergeant noted. "We kept busy, that's for sure. A lot of folks think the Reservists go on a big vacation during these kind of tours, but we all earned our pay out there." The other three eleven-person fire teams from the squadron have been scheduled to pull their annual tours at Fort Bliss between May 24 and July 26.

Reservists assigned to the 94 Civil Engineering Squadron built a gravel pathway and a bridge across a small creek to connect the Bachelor Officer Quarters and the Base Gym last month during summer camp. Col. Norman R. Mailloux, 94 Tactical Airlift Wing commander, cut the ribbon and officially opened the bridge June 18. "It was a 1/4 mile trip by car from the BOQ to the

gym," said Capt. Guy D. Griswold, who did most of the administrative legwork on the project and worked with 1st Lt. Terry Fuqua planning the job. "Now it's a 1/4 mile trip by foot by the woods." The 6-foot wide, approximately 25-foot long bridge and the pathway was built for a material cost of less than \$500. "Everything but the bolts, handrail lumber and linseed oil (to protect the handrails) for the bridge and the gravel for the pathway was recycled," Captain Griswold said. The recycled material included the floor of the bridge and telephone poles for the base of the bridge. Ten tons of recycled "rip rap" (rock used to stabilize the creek banks) were also used in the project. Captain Griswold said the job was designed for low maintenance, low cost and safety. "We didn't want to be back out working on it anytime soon."

1987 The 94 CES supported base activities and received training in their respective AFSCs simultaneously. Members received training in CPR, training records upkeep, mobility bag build-up and other AFSC related training. Members of the Fire Department pulled their annual tour in Germany while other unit members readied themselves for the AFRES Civil Engineering Readiness Challenge competition which was held at Robins AFB in October.

Reservists from the 94 Civil Engineer Squadron took their skills to Germany this summer, making the first to Wiesbaden's Lindsey Air Station, the nearby USAF Regional Medical Center and the Mainz Kastel Storage Facility. The engineers deployed in two groups, the first working in Germany from June 23 through July 1 the second group serving from July 21 through August 7. "We learned from your first group how to prepare for the second. You arrived willing and ready to roll up your sleeves and go to work," said the commander of Lindsey Air Station.

There was plenty for the engineers to do. The first day the engineers installed emergency lights at Lindsey AS. Due to the difference between the German and American electrical systems, the ever engineer annual tour deployment reservists were allowed to mount the lights and run the wiring, but the actual hookups were done by a licensed German electrician, 'Hans.' He also served to supervise the engineers.

"Our daily progress was measured by the number of times Hans said, 'Is gutts' versus 'Nein, nein, you need to . . ." MSgt. Betty Petrie said. Sergeant Petrie, the unit career advisor, accompanied the engineers on their deployment. The engineers were billeted in the basement quarters of a Lindsey AB barracks. As the German skies opened up that night and poured out a real frog-strangler, the engineers had their own unscheduled engineering emergency. "I was standing in the bathroom washing a stain out of a shirt when a three-inch sewer main cap suddenly shot about two feet into the air behind me," MSgt. Mack Benefield said. "I opened my mouth to yell a warning, but before I could speak, the water was already spreading over the floor into adjacent rooms - and mine was next door! By the time I found my voice and reached my room, the sewer water was already two inches deep and still rising. I just managed to save my camera from a bath but everything else on the floor got soaked," he added.

The engineers sent a team to nearby Mainz-Kastel Storage Facility to tear down a 10 foot-square brick chimney atop a three-story warehouse. "We removed the rubble by means of a chute roped to the roof which emptied into a large bin three stories below. After the first day, everyone on the crew had grown accustomed to the height and we gradually got braver and moved closer to the edge to pitch down the rubble. Actually the view was nice if you didn't look down," Sergeant Petrie said. At the same time at Lindsey AB, MSgt. Billy Williams was in charge of

a crew that was converting a stable into a morale, welfare and recreation video Another team of engineers was building a parking lot "German style" at the hospital compound. Assembling would have been a better word because the lot was not made of concrete but of "puzzle blocks" fitted together like the pieces of a puzzle. "The working dogs' kennel was in need of an adjustment, so we gathered up jackhammers, shovels, a wheelbarrow and buckets and set about tearing up the concrete floor," Sergeant Petrie said.



TSgt Ken Dills and SSgt Terrance Perry shove bricks and mortar into a chute which emptied into a bin three stories below Mainz-Kastel Storage Facility. (USAF photo)

2003 While most Airmen spend their deployment avoiding unexploded ordnance, the 94th Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Disposal team goes looking for it. For those who don't know, EODs mission is to detect, identify, evaluate, render safe and dispose of United States and foreign explosive, incendiary, chemical, biological, and nuclear munitions. Needless to say, when you're a member of the EOD team, there's never a dull moment. Their career field motto is "initial success or total failure." "In this unit we say 'if it was easy, anyone could do it,'" said Master Sgt. Brad McKinney, 94th Civil Engineer Squadron, EOD craftsman. McKinney was one of five troops from EOD who was deployed to Baghdad International Airport in Iraq. The 120-day tour was exhilarating yet challenging for McKinney and the EOD. They were tasked to investigate and neutralize explosives, when necessary, in a 155 square mile radius around the Baghdad airport.

"We were attached to the 447th Air Expeditionary Group, Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron," said McKinney. A lot many people would stare down a piece of unexploded ordnance, but many of us are not 94th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal craftsman either. Master Sgt. Brad McKinney shows us just what separates

EOD from the rest of us. typical EOD day in Baghdad started at sunrise and would often end well past normal duty hours. While deployed, the 447th EOD responded to more than 250 calls to investigate ordnance and suspicious packages. In their four-month stay, McKinney and the others disposed of over 100,000 pounds of mortars, rockets, bombs and improvised explosive devices.

"There's nothing like the feeling of knowing your work keeps the troops and the local people safe," said McKinney. While deployed, EOD had the opportunity to support troops from the Latvian, Estonian, Australian and British Armed Forces as well as the U. S. Army. Using one's life to safeguard the lives of others is a life well lived, added McKinney. "It's been said it takes a special kind of person to be EOD," said McKinney. Being in EOD gives one a unique perspective on life he added. Since joining, McKinney has seen first hand the destructive power of the devices of war and as a result, he has come to understand the fragile beauty of life. "Being in Baghdad, I really missed my family," said McKinney.

"Knowing how quickly life can end makes me want to savor every moment I have with them." Family is something that seems particularly important to the members of the EOD. This wasn't McKinney's first deployment, but it was for others. "I joined the Reserve in November of 2001 and I haven't even been around long enough to serve a traditional UTA," said Senior Airman Jonathan Mejia, 94th Civil Engineer Squadron, EOD Apprentice. Joining the Reserve has been quite the roller coaster ride for Mejia, a roller coaster ride that only slowed down with the end of his first deployment. "I've been on active duty for the last two years and I wouldn't change anything about the experience," said Mejia.

While training with the 439th Civil Engineer Squadron at Westover Air Force Base, Mass., Mejia was activated to serve with the unit when they deployed to Talil Air Base, Iraq. The experience he garnered could have only been acquired through his unique circumstances. Iraq is considered an "EOD playground," a place with lots of ordnance for EOD to dispose of. The concept of EOD playground truly encapsulates the mind set of these brave individuals." The whole thing was difficult for my family, especially my mother, but she realizes I have a job to do and supports me in doing it," said Mejia. "I wouldn't trade this job for any other job in the military

The Dobbins Fire Department and Security Forces recently opened a Joint Communications Center, which includes brand new computer and radio systems. The center makes it possible for both groups to receive 911 calls and dispatch the appropriate response from one primary location. "Before this communication center, the Fire Department Communication Center was located in one area and the Security Forces Communication Center was located in another area," said Maj. Dave Guio, Security Forces operations officer.

"With the old system, the Fire Department was dispatched first and then there was a certain amount of protocol that needed to be addressed before Security Forces was notified. This slowed our response time down, but with the new system we are notified right away and this enables us to get to a call much faster." This initiative has been in the planning stages for several years. The concept is not new; the local community has used 911 and has been consolidated for years. The objective behind this move was to increase the wings' emergency operational response capability and upgrade both dispatch consoles with the latest technology needed in a post 9/11 world. The new communications system enables the phone operators to determine which building a call comes from, helping to trace hang up calls – a capability that did not exist previously.

The new system has touch screen capabilities and can communicate with outside agencies including Cobb County safety personnel. The new center, located at the Security Forces' building, has brand new plasma televisions that display all the security cameras on base. It also has a voice recorder so all the 911 telephone calls can be recorded. "A good example of how well this new center operates is just a few weeks ago dispatch received a call of a person having heart trouble. Security Forces was notified at the same time as the Fire Department and was able to arrive on scene before anyone else," said Master Sgt. Rocky Epps, Standardization and Evaluation coordinator. "We are the first base in the Air Force Reserve Command to have a consolidated center.

They are looking to us as the test base and so far we have been a great success." The new center has five dispatchers working 24 hours a day on a rotating schedule. They monitor security and fire alarms on approximately 170 buildings. "This new computer system has increased the capabilities and complexity of the operation by about 100 percent." said Sergeant Epps 2006

94th Civil Engineer Squadron did on its recent annual tour to Gallup, N.M. From June 10 - July 8, the 94th CES worked side-by-side with civilians to construct three housing projects for the Navajo Nation. The 94th CES participated in the Innovation Readiness Training Program a Department of Defense and Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command initiative to enhance unit training and readiness, while filling a community need that is not otherwise being met. Our unit supported the underserved Navajo Housing Authority and the Southwest Indian Foundation. The primary purpose of both organizations is to lessen poverty and unemployment which is estimated to be about 55 percent among the several tribes in the southwest, specifically members of the Navajo, Zuni, Hopi, Laguan, Acoma and Apache tribes.

The SWIF constructs quality two-bedroom, one-bath prefabricated homes for less fortunate Navajos and other tribes located in the Gallup area. Joseph Esparza, director of SWIF said, There is a lot of poverty in this area and our organization has a waiting list of over 20,000 families in need of quality housing." The SWIF also provides vocational training to veterans from the various tribes. Operation Foot Print, which this IRT program is commonly called, provides engineering/infrastructure support for Native Americans by reserve units throughout AFRC, as well as reserve units from the Marine Corps.

In addition to providing housing construction, reserve units provide road development and water and sewer line installation for the Navajo Nation in Window Rock, N.M. Window Rock is the capitol and administrative center of the Navajo Nation, the largest tribe in the United States. According to statistics, there are over 300,000 Navajos located in three states in the southwest New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. The IRT program began in 1997 as a partnership with the Air Force Academy. It was an outreach project and has grown to what it is today. This is truly is an outstanding example of making a difference — constructing one house at a time.

This program has received outstanding recognition from the local Gallup community, the Gallup Housing Authority, U.S. Housing and Urban Development, Southwest Office of Native American Programs and from both the DOD, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Readiness, Training and Mobilization and AFRC. For me, this is my last annual tour with the 94th CES. Early next year I will retire with more than 30 years of service. What better way for me not only to serve my country, but to make a difference in a big way. It is gratifying to walk down the

streets of Gallup in military uniform and be greeted positively by the community. Many would stop just to say thanks for what I do and appreciate my service to the country.

This historical area of the United States, by the way, has a rich history of supporting the military. For example, during World War II, over 400 Navajos developed the most significant and successful military code of the time using their native language. The code talkers were so successful, military commanders credited it with saving the lives of countless American soldiers.
2006

Civil engineering at Dobbins is comprised of both civilian and military personnel that work together to support the mission of the 94th AW and other organizations located here. Under the supervision of Base Civil Engineer Mr. Ken Williams, the base civil engineers provide the day-to-day infrastructure and facilities work on the base. According to Mr. Williams, his section also oversees and provides base construction, maintenance engineering, facility services, pollution prevention, environmental assessments, fire protection, crash rescue, facility maintenance and grounds maintenance. "If it doesn't fly, we build it and maintain it," Mr. Williams said.

"We have a lot to be responsible for. We are the 'guardians of the installation.'" The 94th CES, under the command of Maj. Bryan Combs, supports the 94th AW mobility contingency operations. The squadron is comprised of CE, Fire Department, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Operations and Readiness personnel. Although the honor was given as a result of the efforts of both organizations, Mr. Williams and Major Combs credited the other's personnel for significantly impacting the award nomination.

Major Combs said much of the credit should go to the civilian personnel who take care of the daily engineer operations of the base. "The lion's share of the kudos should go to them," he said. "A large portion of the award nomination represents the hard work they do yearly." Mr. Williams said it was the work of Airmen supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Coronet Oak and Aerospace Expeditionary Force operations that made a "tremendous impact" on the overall nomination. The Dobbins' civil engineers became eligible to compete for the Air Force level award after winning the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command 2005 Outstanding Civil Engineer Unit Award in October According to a memorandum from the Office of the Civil Engineer, Headquarters United States Air Force, competition this year was particularly intense "underscoring the pride, professionalism, enthusiasm, initiative and innovation Air Force civil engineers are demonstrating in successfully meeting difficult challenges worldwide."2006

28 Airmen from the 94 Civil Engineering Squadron participated in the Silver Flag training exercise at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. Twenty-eight Airmen from the 94th Civil Engineering Squadron departed Jan 11, 2013 from Dobbins for a Silver Flag exercise at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. The Dobbins civil engineers were joined by over 40 Airmen from McConnell AFB for the trip to Florida via C-5. "Silver Flag is the Air Force's training site for all civil engineers," said Lt Col Scott Carlin, 94th Civil Engineering Squadron commander. "It is the premier training site for all civil engineers, active, reserve and guard, simulating real-world combat scenarios." The 94 CES participates in Silver Flag every two years. The last one attended by the unit took place at Ramstein AFB, Germany during the winter months. The training will consist of several days of advanced classroom training, followed by several days of hands-on field training exercise.

Airmen from several different bases and Air Force specialty codes will work together to set up and sustain a base. Staff Sgt. Mark Spivey, 94th CES heating, ventilation and air conditioning specialist, is attending the Silver Flag exercise and will be receiving specialized training using equipment pertinent to his AFSC. "We have a lot of contingency equipment," said Spivey. "I'll be using portable heating and air conditioning units and water boilers for sanitation and showers. We will be responsible for maintaining these things for a base. We're all looking forward to this and applying what we've been trained to do."

The Silver Flag training environment will serve as an example of what Airmen will experience in a deployed environment. "We are prepared," said Carlin. "We are well prepared for the hands on training we will receive at Silver Flag. Then, we will exercise and see how well our training is. We trained, we will continue to train then, we will get tested on our training. Some of our folks will be deploying soon. They are ready, but after Silver Flag they will definitely be ready."

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