

114th SERVICES FLIGHT

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Sioux Falls, SD

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The mission of Base Services has changed dramatically over the years. Formerly called Food Service, the section provided meals on UTA weekends and deployments. MSgt Donald "Dutch" Entringer was "Mr. Food Service" spending a 28 year career in the field. New recruits from throughout the base could count on KP duty during some UTAs.

In the late 1970s our mission expanded to include field feeding, billeting, field laundry, and

mortuary affairs. KP duty ended in 1975 and is now supplied through a commercial contract. The flight went from Combat Support to Civil Engineering to a separate Flight directly under the Support Group Commander.

These changes certainly expanded the training requirements. We must be proficient in all aspects of field operations, including the MKT (Mobile Kitchen Trailer), field sanitation, gas-field water heaters and burner units. Training in billeting and field laundry services dealt with the shelter, comfort, and morale of troops in field conditions, plus acting as emergency base locator. When we were a division of Civil Engineering, our Prime RIBS (Readiness In Base Services) team was ready to help transform a bare base into a functional base anywhere in the world.

In the early 1990s Base Services expanded to include duties in MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation). New training guidelines and programs, Silver Flag were established to provide intensive, periodic, thorough training that encompassed all field training needs in one busy week.

Training and duties have become more technical. Menus are computerized, thus demanding more training. There is one concept that has remained the same for 50 years, through every reorganization; standing in the chow line. We now serve two entrees, a salad bar, and other low fat options.

As an independent flight, Services' world-wide travel has increased. We support nearly all large deployments plus many smaller ones. Flight members have been to Italy, Norway, Belgium, England, Germany, Canada, Panama, Puerto Rico, Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, Mississippi, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Georgia, Arizona, Washington and Michigan.

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