

# **139<sup>th</sup> CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON**

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## **STATIONS**

St Joseph, MO

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Harold Jarold, #1973

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

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## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

139 CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON DEPLOYED TO VOLK FIELD WI TO SUPPORT  
132 FIGHTER WING DURING OPERATIONAL READINESS INSPECTION (ORI). 1984

Three hundred eleven personnel from the 139th Tactical Airlift Group were federally activated on 28 December 1990 for six months. The first contingent left St. Joseph, Missouri on 2 January 1991 for Al Ain Air Base, United Arab Emirates. At Al Ain Air Base, the 139th TAG joined two National Guard units from Texas and West Virginia and two active duty C-130 squadrons from Germany and Korea to form the 1630th Tactical Airlift Wing Provisional. The 1630th was also named the First Desert Airlift Wing or "1st DAWG." On the 22nd and 23rd of

March, the 139th TAG deployed to Al Kharj Air Base, Saudi Arabia. Al Kharj is about 40 miles southeast of Riyadh. Deploying from the United Arab Emirates to Saudi Arabia brought the 139<sup>th</sup> TAG personnel under the strict Moslem culture. Morale, which had been very high at Al Ain, was stressed at the new base in Saudi by the cultural shock and the constantly changing rotation dates for redeployment home. The 180th Tactical Airlift Squadron deployed seventy-seven aircrew members with the eight C-130Hs belonging to the 139th TAG to Al Ain Air Base. The 139th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron personnel at Al Ain employed desert procedures with normal aircraft maintenance to obtain a fantastic 98% in-commission rate. The work schedule was seven to seven for two days and then twenty-four hours off, but maintenance personnel were always on twenty-four hour call. Al Ain Air Base became a closed base soon after the 139th TAG arrived. 139th CAM personnel generally worked on their own aircraft, but the shared equipment, parts and expertise with the other guard and active duty maintenance personnel at Al Ain. A popular spare time activity at Al Ain was the construction of patios, sun decks and porches, The base civil engineers provided building material and loaned tools for these projects. Various team sports such as basketball, volleyball and baseball also provided recreation during free time. After Al Ain became a closed base, the perimeter walk became a popular event. This walk took several hours since the base perimeter was about ten miles. One of the 139th's members did have a complaint, his "Desert Diet wasn't working." Breakfast and dinner were hot meals and lunch was supposed to be a MRE (meals ready-to-eat), but lunch turned out to be a catered affair from the local Hilton hotel. There was also a Pizza Hunt, Hardee's hamburgers, and Kentucky Fried Chicken available, if so desired. Food was plentiful and good, just like home.

The 139th Mobile Aerial Port Flight deployed four loadmasters to Al Ain Air Base, nine cargo handlers to Torrejon AFB, ten cargo handlers to Rhein Main AFB, ten cargo handlers to Langley AFB and two cargo handlers to Stewart Air National Guard Base. The 139th Civil Engineering Squadron deployed TSgt Steven P. Dalsing, a firefighter, to Charleston AFB. The 139th Security Police Flight activated thirteen members to provide additional security at Rosecrans Memorial Airport. They are: MSgt Joseph Miljavac, SSgt Christopher Black, SSgt Timothy Bullock, SSgt Edward Neff, SSgt Terry Policy, SSgt Richie, SSgt Mark Richie, Sgt Michael Ide, Sgt Charles O'Callaghan, Sgt Steven Robinson, Sgt David Swearingin, Sgt Dawn Weston, and SRA John Williams.

In August, 1973, fifty members of the 139th Civil Engineers lent a hand to several area youth camps. Our group performed building projects, installed outdoor lighting, painted, re-roofed, expanded parking areas, re-vamped restrooms and installed drinking fountains. The materials were furnished by Camp Geiger, Camp Marvin Hillyard, and Camp Woodland sponsors. The labor was performed during the Civil Engineering Annual Field Training.

Members of the 139th Civil Engineering Squadron, Fire Department Section, arrived at Kansas City International Airport early Friday, 3 October, to man the fire equipment and crash trucks after a strike by Kansas City firemen. A spokesman for the Federal Administration said all the Guardsmen were trained on the equipment and quickly certified by the FAA so the airport could remain open.

1980 Trivia The Oshkosh P-19 Fire Truck, Costing \$172,000 was delivered in June, 1987.

Throughout the year various units deployed round the world, the 139th CES left in January to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The primary purpose of their deployment was the construction of a modern running track around an existing soccer field. They also constructed an office and the firefighters responded to twelve structural fires, fourteen in-flight emergencies and one aircraft emergency.

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