

235th CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON



MISSION

The 235 CEF is a Command Staff Augmentation Flight (COMSAF) that provides worldwide deployable engineer augmentation team (S-Team) support to Major Commands and Numbered Air Force staffs for command and control of engineer forces, fire protection management, engineering projects and technical assistance. The 235 CEF is one of five S-Teams in the Air National Guard.

The 235th CEF consists of three 12-person S-Teams. The Air Force formed Staff Augmentation Teams (S-Teams) to meet the wartime needs of augmenting a Command or a combined/joint task force in support of regional contingencies or a major theater war.

The 235th Civil Engineer Flight (CEF) is part of the 175th Wing of the Maryland Air National Guard (ANG) at Martin State Airport, just NE of Baltimore, MD. The unit consists primarily of traditional Guardsmen, both enlisted and officer.

Unlike Prime BEEF units, S-Teams are not tied to a specific weapons system and are not typically responsible for base operations, maintenance, or sustainment. As high-demand, low-density units, S-Teams are not scheduled into the Aerospace Expeditionary Force. Our primary mission during peacetime is to train for wartime; however, States may also call upon ANG S-Teams to support missions such as disaster relief and civil defense. Our Concept of Operations lists the following six Mission Essential Tasks:

- Operational Planning
- Engineer Management
- Technical Design and Construction Management
- Command and Control
- Expeditionary Site Planning
- Reporting on contingency activities

The primary reserve force command-level Air Force civil engineer unit providing engineer support to Headquarters, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and for Air Force and U.S. European Command theater missions. Officers: 25 Enlisted: 10

LINEAGE

235th Civil Engineering Flight,
235th Civil Engineer Squadron

STATIONS

MD

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Ervin J. Bedker 1980-1985
Col Sheldon Groner 1985
Col Howell Simmons 1986-1987
Col Frank Durso 1987-1989
Col Gary Willems 1990-1993
Col Larry Olson 1994-1995
Col Fred Bastion, 1995-1999
Col Jerold E. Kreidler, 1999
Col Al Lew
Col Rebecca A.N. Bahm
Col. Kevin Fischer

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

During the Cold War, the 235th CEF was designated as the Regional Wartime Construction

Manager (RWCM) for the Northern Europe. The RWCM is the military agent responsible to the Air Force Major Command to manage a designated region and the construction projects that support the mission within that theater of operations. The 235th's responsibility encompassed the United Kingdom, Denmark, Finland and Norway.

The 235th Civil Engineering Flight was designated Manager of the Wartime Construction Program for the United Kingdom and Ireland. In September 1984, it changed major commands from MAC to the United States Air Forces Europe USAFE). In 1987 the civil engineers won the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. the first time this award was won a Maryland ANG unit.

From February 1985, the 135th deployed 16 officers and eight airmen of the 235th Civil Engineering Flight to Royal Air Force base Wethersfield in the United Kingdom to participate in the WINTEX-CIMEX '85 training exercises. The 135th returned to Wethersfield in April and May 1986 for the CRESTED EAGLE '86 exercises and again in March 1987 for WINTEXCIMEX '87. In August 1986, ten 135th members were deployed to Mildenhall, England for a two week annual training. The 135th deployed three officers and two airmen of the 235th CEF were deployed to London, England for annual training in 1987. The 235th finished out the decade by supporting WINTEX '89; joint forces allied nation exercise to Highwycombe Air Station, England.

At the end of the Cold War, a new emphasis was put on protecting the environment by assessing the way the Air Force does business and reducing the products harmful to that environment. Site assessments by environmental "S" teams help identify harmful practices and products at Air Force and ANG bases and make recommendations on how to improve the way they do business.

Recent activities include work at various USAFE bases in 1996; the planning and design of a 5,000 square foot dormitory in Israel in 1997; construction management of the new main building and dormitories at the Weinberg Center; site survey for new facilities at Entebbe Airport, Uganda; and Jul Construction project in Lima, Peru. Training exercises, such as Wintex-Cimex, Atlantic Trail, JCS, Engex, and Capstone, help maintain the readiness of the 235th team.

235th Civil Engineering Squadron: Designed and managed construction of a major addition to the Dover Air Force Base, Del.. port mortuary. Initially built to handle potential Desert Storm casualties, the facility also is used to assist civilian authorities in mass casualty emergencies. The 235th received the Air Force Design and Construction Excellence Award for its prompt response, precise planning and construction management performance.

Nine members of the 235 CEF deployed to Spangdalem AB, Germany, to support USAFE's geographically separated units master planning initiative. The teams surveyed and developed master plans for three munitions sites in Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands. The 235 CEF hosted the 2011 Air Reserve Component Worldwide S-Team (staff augmentation team) Team Conference in October. Representatives from all eight Guard and reserve S-Teams, as well as Headquarters Air Force, National Guard Bureau, and Army theater engineer commands, attended the conference at Warfield ANGB. The 235 CEF fire protection team deployed to

support the 2011 Patriot exercise at Volk Field, Wis.

In August, the 235th Civil Engineering Flight worked multiple projects on an Israeli base in support of Exercise Related Construction. As the design and management agent, they built and retrofitted four large dormitories, a munitions maintenance facility, bomb and aircraft sunshades and a covered off-taxiway bomb buildup pad. The 235th CE flight is also in the design phase for the construction of multiple buildings in Morocco and Romania.

The 235th continued to support Global War on Terrorism during 2009 through Facility Engineering Team deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. During these deployments, they provided master planning and infrastructure engineering support to multiple forward operating bases. The 235th deployed three teams during the year

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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