

924 CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

924 Civil Engineering Flight constituted, 19 Jun 1969

Activated and organized, 25 Oct 1969

Redesignated 924 Civil Engineering Squadron, 15 Nov 1978

STATIONS

Ellington AFB, TX, 25 Oct 1969

Bergstrom AFB, TX, 17 Mar 1976

ASSIGNMENTS

924 Tactical Airlift (Later, Tactical Fighter) Group, 25 Oct 1969

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

1976 CE reports a C-4 mobility status due to personnel losses. There are only 4 officers and 24

airmen assigned. They receive a Letter of Appreciation from Homestead AFB, Florida, for the renovation of the aircrew and VIP lounge in Base Ops during their 1976 annual tour.

1977 CE supports BRAVE SHIELD XVI, which takes place in the Mojave Desert of California. It provided a desert war scenario and the heat, according to one reservist, will "burn your eyes, sting your nose, and catch your lips on fire." Another reservist commented that "It's so hot I had to stand in the exhaust wash to cool off".

1977 Community service becomes a part of the 924th with the building of a Little League Ball Park for South Austin Youth Association. This will be an ongoing project headed by 924 CEF

1977 CE deploys to Travis for annual tour to accomplish three mission projects; construct fireman training facility, construct M-16 firing range baffles, construct M-16 firing line shelter.

1978 Operation "TEAM SPIRIT" takes CE firefighters to Kimhae AB, Rep of Korea for their annual tour.

1978 In October the 924 CEF becomes a squadron with an increase of 22 people.

1979 Prime BEEF was named the best in AFRES for the second time. They are the only team to have won the "Golden Bull" trophy twice.

1980 CE is off to Hawaii in March to extensive remodeling and additions to an air terminal building at Hickam AFB Hawaii. They will expend 3,189 manhours to complete this project during their 1st annual tour.

1980 A new dining hall opens on Bergstrom and named "The Crossing". 924th reservists waited in excess of 30 minutes on a recent UTA to get in the door to eat.

1981 The squadron completes construction on a new 5,000 sf building to house the 924th flight line maintenance facility, tech order library and bench stock for the incoming F-4s.

1981 CE: Gets new tasks. PRIME RIBS becomes part of CE with cooks and billeting personnel assigned. To show how the new team works. A tent is set up and a field kitchen. It took 30 minutes to set up and begin running.

1982 CE is building a command post for the 924th to include installation of a Battle Staff, operations console, status boards and service radio racks. 1983 Camp Swift will be the annual bivouac exercise training area for CE this year.

1984 CE/PRIME BEEF will make three tours for 1984. Hill AFB Utah to construct an all weather road around Hill AFB. Aviano Italy to construct a Vehicle Maintenance Facility. At Tyndall AFB FL, PRIME RIBS will augment the base dining facility and house personnel for the annual tour. The firefighters will receive 880 hours of training with the Tyndall AFB Fire department.

1985 This was a busy year for the 924th fire fighters with mission support deployments to Torrejon AB, Spain, to support base fire fighters and to Dobbins AFB GA and Langley AFB VA for proficiency training.

1987 CE built confidence, pride and a Tent City in Korea. An advance group set up 112 tents including maintenance hardback tents, four shower tents, a billeting tent and recreation tent. All were equipped with electrical lights, wall sockets, plywood floors and space heaters. An additional cadre of CE personnel arrived to maintain the Tent City, including Fire Department personnel. This was just one of the many facets of TEAM SPIRIT '87.

1992 CE personnel participated in CAMINO DE LA PAZ '92, or in other words: Roads for Peace. It was a humanitarian program to help the Costa Rica government rebuild schools, hospitals, roads and other public structures that were damaged or destroyed in an earthquake. It was the 924th's job to build a number of classroom buildings, two of which were in an isolated site. The construction crews worked under torrential rains and scorching hot days, twelve hours a day, seven days a week.

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