

## 934 CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 934 Civil Engineer Squadron, Air Force Reserve, currently has a three-part wartime mission consisting of a Prime BEEF (Base Emergency Engineering Force) element, a Fire-fighting team, and a Disaster Preparedness team.

The Prime BEEF element is capable of deploying in a 22-hour notice in the active force and a 28-hour notice in the Reserve forces. It consists of 100 persons. The Prime BEEF element supports global or major regional conflict operations at MOBs, C'OBs, FOLs, APOD/Es and bare bases or essential civil engineering missions at critical CONUS bases. The element is capable of providing initial beddown for 1200 personnel using expedient or existing facilities. The Prime BEEF element also provides follow on operations and maintenance support of facilities and utilize for a combat aviation squadron of 18 to 24 tactical aircraft or a significant aviation deployment element less than squadron size in a major deterrent force.

The Fire-fighting team consists of 24 persons, and is capable of deploying on a 22-hour notice in active force and a 28-hour notice in the Reserve forces. This team supports global or regional conflict operations at MOBs, C'OBs, FOLs, APOD/Es and bare bases or essential fire-fighting missions at critical C'ONUS bases. The fire-fighting team can provide support for structural, POL, and munitions fires. It is capable of its own crash rescue/fire suppression command, control and communications.

The Disaster Preparedness team is assigned six persons. It is capable of worldwide deployment on a 24-hour notice. The AFRES assets support base wartime actions. For the MAJCOF'.1 gained assets, the team provides a knowledgeable person to assist a consolidated 12-member team at deployed locations. The team provides NBC detection, prediction and plotting capabilities,

reference materials to support the deployed installation commander in crucial wartime protective measures. The squadron will be reconfigured into two 55 person Prime BEEF/Disaster Preparedness teams and two 12-person Fire-fighting teams.

#### **LINEAGE**

934 Civil Engineering Flight constituted, 19 Jun 1969  
Activated in the Reserve, 25 Oct 1969  
Redesignated 934 Civil Engineering Squadron, 15 Nov 1978  
Redesignated 934 Civil Engineer Squadron, 1 Mar 1994

#### **STATIONS**

Minneapolis-St Paul IAP (later, Minneapolis-St Paul IAP-Air Reserve Station), MN, 25 Oct 1969

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

934 Tactical Airlift Group  
934 Mission Support Group

#### **COMMANDERS**

Maj Benjamin W. Rhoda, 8 Mar 2020

#### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
1 Oct 1988-30 Sep 1990  
1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996.

#### **EMBLEM**



On a black disc a blue bull's head affronte fimbriated and detailed white with yellow horns and a yellow ring in its nose, snorting white smoke detailed gray from each nostril. Attached above the disc a blank white scroll edged black. (Approved, 21 Aug 1980)

## MOTTO

### OPERATIONS

The 934th Civil Engineer Squadron was activated in December 1971 as the 934th Civil Engineering Flight (60-person team). In April 1978 the 934th CEF was combined with the 934th Combat Support Squadron to form the 934th Civil Engineering Squadron (95-person team).

The 934th CES was organized into the Prime BEEF concept in October 1982. Services (dining hall & billeting) was transferred from the 934th CSS to CES in October 1983 and organized into two Prime RIBS (Readiness in Base Services) teams. In October 1992 the 934th CES was reorganized into a 100-person team, Services was transferred to the 934th MSF and the Disaster Preparedness unit was combined with Civil Engineering.

The Civil Engineering Squadron responsibilities include base readiness, explosive ordinance disposal, environmental and natural resource programs, facility maintenance and real property management.

CY 2020 On-base CES projects included the initiation of a Facilities Operations Capability and Utilization Survey as part of the Installation Development Plan, all leading towards major building expansions, building construction, and unit relocations, which will significant alter the footprint layout of the 934 AW. A base improvement project that was completed this year was the demolition and completion of a new running track which will brought the Wing into compliance for requirements of Air Force Fitness Centers and provide correct infrastructure for upcoming post-COVID physical fitness testing of Airmen. A significant off-base CES project was the multijurisdictional joint improvement project for the Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Aitkin

County, Minnesota. Specific repairs performed by CES were two roof replacements, a road restoration, and installation of a water control structure and culvert. It is notable the CES developed the relationships and initiated the project through local partners. The result was a huge bonus to the Site and immediate community, and it also served as an innovative training opportunity that increased CES's operational readiness for future deployments OCONUS where base improvement is a priority.

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#### USAF Unit Histories

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#### Sources

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