

## 940 CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON



### MISSION

The 940 Civil Engineering Squadron provides trained engineers ready to deploy and capable of performing beddown operations for up to 2,200 personnel in austere conditions, and to support Air Force operations anywhere in the world with facilities, utilities, fire protection, and full spectrum threat response support including Rapid runway Repair, airfield recovery, and Base Recovery after Attack.

### LINEAGE

940 Civil Engineering Flight constituted, 19 Jun 1969

Activated in the Reserve, 25 Oct 1969

Redesignated 940 Civil Engineering Squadron, 15 Nov 1978

Redesignated 940 Civil Engineer Squadron, 1 Mar 1994

Redesignated 940 Civil Engineer Flight, 15 Jan 2013

### STATIONS

McClellan AFB, CA, 25 Oct 1969

Mather AFB, CA, 1 Jan 1977

McClellan AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1993

Beale AFB, CA, 1 Oct 1997

### ASSIGNMENTS

940 Military Airlift (later, 940 Tactical Airlift; 940 Air Refueling) Group, 25 Oct 1969

940 Support (later, 940 Mission Support) Group, 1 Aug 1992

### COMMANDERS

### HONOR

## **Service Streamers**

## **Campaign Streamers**

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

1 Jan 1979-31 Dec 1980

1 Mar 1982-29 Feb 1984

31 Jul 1989-30 Sep 1990

1 Oct 1995-30 Sep 1997

1 Oct 1997-30 Sep 1999

1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2001

1 Oct 2001-30 Sep 2003

1 Oct 2003-30 Sep 2005

1 Oct 2005-30 Sep 2007

1 Oct 2007-30 Sep 2008

## **EMBLEM**

Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The globe denotes the unit's worldwide deployment capabilities. The yellow lightning bolt reflects the unit's speed of deployment. The white eagle symbolizes flight warrior aggressiveness, valor, and honor of our Armed Forces. The double borders indicate the strength of the squadron's manpower and equipment. (Approved, 20 May 1993)

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

(AF News) A new Reserve mobile heavy construction civil engineering unit is in the process of standing up at Beale Air Force Base, Calif. The 583rd Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers will be the sixth such squadron in the Air Force Reserve Command and the first on the West Coast. The activation of the new unit will come just months after the redesignation of the 940 Civil Engineer Squadron as the 940 Civil Engineer Flight at Beale.

Downsizing of the CES to a flight will lead to the loss of about 100 positions, with most of those being absorbed into the 583rd, said Col. Patricia Brewer, 940 Mission Support Group commander. "Many of our current CE Reservists are simply transitioning to the new unit," Brewer said. "So, while they'll no longer belong to the 940 Wing, the majority of the members of the 583rd will be familiar faces." The RED HORSE unit's projected end-strength is slightly less than 200, which includes civil engineering, logistics, security forces and support personnel, as well as a medical team. "In essence, a RED HORSE squadron is a civil engineering unit with an added mission

support group element,” Brewer said, adding that the new organization will represent a growth opportunity in both manpower and resources for the base.

Previously, the 940 CES mission focused on base maintenance. In contrast, the RED HORSE mission focuses instead on providing the Air Force a highly mobile response force supporting contingency and special operations. “Our civil engineers are excited about this change,” said Lt. Col. Michael Onines, former 940 CES commander. “RED HORSE is a heavy construction team, trained and equipped to take on large projects in remote, high-threat environments worldwide. It’s a capability that combatant commanders have been asking for more and more.

“The deployment footprint of a RED HORSE unit is huge,” he said. “As this new squadron becomes fully capable a few years down the road, it will take its place in line for mobilization, and this base will see the movement of large groups of people.” The community should be excited about acquiring the new squadron, Onines said. “Beale was selected because of the surrounding community,” said Onines, referring to a highly competitive base selection process that first began in September 2005.

According to the colonel, the base was chosen as the location for the new RED HORSE unit because of its expansive real estate and the local economy’s ability to support the unit’s requirements for construction materials, as well as skilled tradesmen. “This area offers a nucleus of heavy construction engineers to draw from,” Onines said. “And there will be opportunities for these professionals to join the Reserve. “The new squadron will also afford high school graduates from around Northern California outstanding apprenticeship opportunities to enter the construction trades,” he said. “If they’d like to join the Reserve, we’ll provide them with the training they need to develop very marketable skills in all construction trades.”

A RED HORSE unit provides yet another benefit to the local area: the ability to respond to civil emergencies, such as floods, tornadoes and earthquakes. The unit is capable of doing everything from removing rubble to repairing levees. 2013

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