

142 CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

142 Civil Engineering Flight received official federal recognition, 8 Nov 1969

Redesignated 142 Civil Engineering Squadron, 1 Jul 1985

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STATIONS

Portland ANGB, OR

ASSIGNMENTS

142 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

Maj Donald R. Tonole

LTC William Harlow

LTC Robert Thompson

Maj Robert Beraud

LTC Kerry Sharp, #1991

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Civil engineering was originally part of the 142 Combat Support Squadron located at Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon. Plans for forming the 142 Civil Engineering Flight began to take shape in 1969. The unit received official federal and state recognition effective November 8, 1969.

In 1977 the unit went through a major reorganization and expanded to 168 officers and airmen. The authorized manning increased to 171 in 1984.

An Alaska Army Guard Eskimo scout unit has a place to call home, thanks to the efforts of the 142 Civil Engineering Squadron. In July 1986 members of the unit's PRIME BEEF team deployed to Kipnuk, Alaska, 800 miles north of Anchorage, to provide needed construction. Col. Wallace Carson Jr. was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in August. Brig. Gen. Carson, who in civilian life is an Oregon Supreme Court Justice, assumed the military position of Assistant Adjutant General for Air upon the retirement of Brig. Gen. Rosenbaum

At Chula Vista, California, the U.S. Border Patrol estimated that they were processing as many as 1800 illegal aliens daily. In April 1987 the 142 Civil Engineering Squadron made the Border Patrol's job easier when they rehabilitated patrol facilities during two different 14-day training deployments.

In 1989 the squadron was reorganized again, and the services flight was established as a subordinate unit. Authorized manning increased to its present level of 191.

PRIME BEEF

Plumbrook, Ohio 19-22 Sep, 1974
King Salmon, Alaska 9-23 Aug, 1975
Castle AFB, Calif. 17-31 Jul, 1976
Plumbrook, Ohio 16-20 Sep, 1977
Kingsley Field, OR May, 1978
Fresno ANG Base, CA 5-19 May, 1979
Eielson AFB, AK 16-30 Jun, 1979
Wheeler AFB, HI 22 Jun-6 Jul, 1980
ANG Training Base Gulfport, MS
2-16 May, 1981 ANG Training Base
Gulfport, MS 13-23 Mar, 1982
Eglin AFB, FL Field 4, 24-27 Mar, 1982
Hickam AFB, HI 9-24 Apr, 1983
Pittsburgh ANG Base, PA 17-31 Mar, 1984
Eglin AFB, FL Field 4 26 Apr - 1 May, 1985
Hurlburt Field, FL 1-11 May, 1985
Kipnuk, Alaska 25 Jul - 10 Aug, 1986

Elmendorf AFB, AK 2-16 Aug, 1986
Castle AFB, CA 21 Mar - 4 Apr, 1987
San Diego, CA 25 Apr - 9 May, 1987
San Diego, CA 9 May - 23 May, 1987
Tooksook Bay, AK 15-31 Aug, 1987
Camp Mica, OR 30 Apr - 14 May, 1988
Coos Head, OR 9-23 Apr, 1988
Cold Lake CFB, Canada 13-27 Aug, 1988
Savoonga, AK 20 Aug - 7 Sep, 1988
Cold Lake CFB, Canada 8-21 Oct, 1988
Camp San Luis Obispo, CA 15-29 Apr, 1989
Albrook AFS, Panama 4-18 Mar, 1989
Lucea, Hanover Parish Jamaica 3-18 Feb, 1990
Round Pass Mtn., OR 2-10 Jun, 1990 23-30 Jun. 1990
Cold Lake CFB, Canada 8-22 Sep, 1990

FIRE/CRASH

Minot AFB, ND 14-28 Jun, 1980
Grand Forks AFB, ND 14-28 Jun, 1980
Carswell AFB, TX 13-27 Mar, 1982
Grand Forks AFB, ND 8-22 May, 1982
Hickam AFB, HI 18 Jun - 2 Jul. 1983
Luke AFB, AZ 7-21 May, 1983
Travis AFB, CA 7-21 Apr, 1984
Castle AFB, CA 2-16 Mar, 1985
Clark AB, Philippines 15 May - 1 Jun, 1986
Castle AFB, CA 2-16 Aug, 1986
George AFB, CA 28 Mar - 11 Apr, 1987
Luke AFB, AZ 12-26 Sep, 1987
Mtn. Home AFB, ID 9-23 Apr, 1988
George AFB, CA 30 Apr - 14 May, 1988
Eielson AFB, AK 8-22 Jul, 1989
McClellan AFB, CA 17-23 Sep, 1989
Beale AFB, CA 28 Oct - 11 Nov, 1989
MacDill AFB, FL 10-24 Feb, 1990
Howard AB, Panama 4-18 Mar, 1990

142nd Installations Squadron: federalized ANG 2 Mar 51 at O'Hare IAP, IL, assigned to the 142 AB Group; inactivated 6 Feb 52.

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