

154 CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

154 Civil Engineering Flight, Oct 1969
Redesignated 154 Civil Engineer Squadron

STATIONS

Hickam AFB, HI

ASSIGNMENTS

154 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

1Lt Hiram H. S. Pang, 18 Oct 1969
LTC Gary W. Teed

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

In October 1969, the Installation Section grew into the 154th Civil Engineering Flight (154 CEF) assigned to the 154th Fighter Group September 1967 marked the humble beginnings of what is now the 154 Civil Engineer Squadron. Then known as the Installation Section of the 154 Combat Support Squadron, with a total of 15 personnel led by 2Lt. Hiram Pang, it was not until 8 November, 1969 that the unit was reorganized as the 154 Civil Engineering Flight

The 70's were the decade of building. The CEF focused its efforts and energies on various maintenance and minor construction projects both CONUS and home station. Deployments included installation of a fire extinguisher system at an Air Defense Command facility, construction of a storage facility at Makah AFS, Washington, repainting barracks buildings at Barking Sands NAS, Kauai, and reroofing cottages at Bellows AFS, Hawaii. Some of the most rewarding efforts during this time were City & County beautification and community support projects, including the relocation of portable classrooms from Kailua Intermediate to Blanche Pope Elementary School.

That same month, the 154 CEF deployed to St. Albans, Vermont, where they installed an eight inch fire/water main and a dry chemical fire extinguisher system at an Air Defense Command radar site. 1 SEP 1976

In June 1978, 154 CEF undertook major construction projects: thirty carports and a motorcycle storage building for the family housing units at Makah AFS, Washington.

In 1980, the 154 CEF constructed eighteen bus shelters throughout the island of Oahu for the city and county as part of its beautification project.

Stepping into the 80's the unit continued to foster its image as a "Can Do, Will Do" organization. Favorite deployment destinations in the early 80's included California and Wyoming for various minor construction and renovation projects. The CEF also began to "BEEF" up its capabilities, and was designated as a Prime BEEF (Base Engineering Emergency Forces) team with an increased manning of 70 personnel in 1984, approximately half of the unit receiving their first Rapid Runway Repair (RRR) training that same year at Eglin AFB, Florida. In 1985 the remainder of the unit received it's initial RRR training at Misawa AB, Japan. Just one month after this training, the 154 CEF was officially reorganized as a 94 person Prime BEEF Squadron. The HANG 40 celebration of 1986 was much more than another year for the 154 CES. It saw CES poised at the edge of a new decade of growth and challenges. They embarked upon this road with additional Equipment Operator training and a comprehensive Prime BEEF training plan, pausing from mobility training just long enough to take their construction skills on the road to Clark AB, Republic of the Philippines. Back at home, the Squadron tackled the challenge of bringing its new mobility equipment requirements in line with what was fondly referred to as the "Prime BEEF Bible;" AFR 93-3.

June 1982, the 154 CEF deployed to Cheyenne ANGB, Wyoming, completing \$60,000 of construction projects. On Sept. 23, 1982, Maj. Gen. Arthur Ishimoto, along with other dignitaries, participated in the ground breaking ceremony for the new 201st CCFT facilities. On Feb. 11, 1984, dedication and grand opening ceremonies

October 1984, saw the 154th CES refurbished the "Hawaii Room" at the NCO dormitory, McGhee-Tyson ANGB. Tennessee.

In 1986, the 154 CES traveled to Clark AB, Republic of the Philippines to construct a Flammable Material Storage Building, a 3000 square foot covered Entomology Storage, an addition to the Exterior Electric Shop and helped complete a base perimeter road, all for the 3rd CES.

The major deployment of 1987 was the construction of the MMS building and renovation of Andy South dormitory at Anderson AB, Guam. In 1988, the unit deployed to Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan for BRAAT (Base Recovery After Attack Training). BEEF Teams conducted field training establishing beddown procedures and rapid runway repair enabling mission accomplishment and wartime readiness. BEEF teams also perform construction projects of training site hardened structures and refurbishing existing training facilities. In support of our outer island GSU at 292nd CCSQ, BEEF and RIBS teams performed mini deployments constructing a warehouse facility during the 1989 summer months. Professionalism and team spirit enabled teams to perform all projects on schedule with quality end products and cost savings to the Hawaii Air National Guard.

In 1990, another deployment to Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan for BRAAT took place. BEEF Teams concentrated heavy efforts into construction projects and improving facilities for all PACAF

BEEF/RIBS training. Construction and completion of a volleyball facility, more hardened structures, and a barbecue area enables MWR evening fun and recreation.

Unit support in 1991 included refurbishing projects at Kekaha Armory, as BEEF teams performed specialized personnel constructing and remodeling of existing facilities to facelift and maintain mission changes.

The 1992 BRAAT deployment to Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan this time along with RIBS teams and ABO, conducted full scale base recovery procedures in a chemical threatened environment affecting personnel, equipment and decontamination processes. In 1993, the unit deployed to Kulis ANGB, Alaska, where construction projects and partnership training with 176th CES personnel proved worthy and highly productive, especially during excellent summer weather, with salmon running upstream as long as there was sunshine. From 1994 to 1996, the unit has participated in deployments to Utah, Okinawa, and Alaska respectively.

Personnel from 154 CES deployed to Eielson AFB, AK to complete projects on base, 1996.

Personnel from 154 CES deployed to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to repair schools. 1997

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