

## 50 CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON



### MISSION

The squadron maintains \$420 million in real property, ensuring uninterrupted power in support of the \$11-billion Air Force Satellite Control Network. The squadron provides fire and environmental protection; contingency planning and disaster response; and operations and maintenance and support services for vital national navigation, weather, communications and surveillance satellite missions assigned to Schriever AFB and 12 worldwide sites.

### LINEAGE

50 Installations Squadron  
Activated, 1 Jan 1953  
Redesignated 50 Civil Engineering Squadron  
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Inactivated, 30 Sep 1991  
Activated 30 Jan 1992

### STATIONS

Clovis AFB, NM, 1 Jan 1953-23 Jul 1953  
Hahn AB, Germany, 9 Aug 1953-15 Jul 1956  
Hahn AB, Germany, 1 Sep 1959  
Schriever AFB, CO

### ASSIGNMENTS

50 Air Base Group

### COMMANDERS

Lt Col Rick A. Blaisdel  
Lt Col Timothy L. Fuller, 29 Jun 2006  
Lt Col Daniel J. Clairmont, 30 Jun 2008

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

Engineer the High Ground

## **OPERATIONS**

50th CES was activated as the 50th Installations Squadron Jan. 1, 1953, and assigned to the 50th Air Base Group. Stationed at Clovis AFB, N.M., the squadron, with other units of the 50th Fighter Wing, immediately began preparing for movement to Hahn Air Base, Germany, in response to a Soviet buildup of air combat forces in Eastern Europe. The units of the 50th FW remained at Clovis AFB for only a few months, departing for Germany in late July 1953.

Upon arriving at Hahn AB, 50th CES took over management of continuing construction activities associated with the beddown of the 50th Tactical Fighter Wing. While the French had completed some facilities, the 50th's engineers oversaw construction of the base's control tower, fire station, warehouses, roads, mess halls and dormitories, as well as operations and headquarters facilities.

For the next 38 years, the men and women of 50th CES supported Hahn AB and the 50th TFW with necessary facilities, infrastructure maintenance and repair, fire protection and a host of other activities. Additionally, the squadron provided the wing, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and NATO with combat-ready forces needed to perform rapid runway repair and other PRIME Base Engineer Emergency Force services. In its 38-year history at Hahn AB, the unit earned seven Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards and participated in countless exercises, evaluations and deployments, including Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Inactivated with the 50th TFW Sept. 30, 1991, 50th CES did not remain inactive for very long. When Headquarters U.S. Air Force ordered the activation of the 50th TFW as the 50th Space Wing, the order also brought back the wing's support units, including 50th CES. HQ Air Force Space Command activated 50th CES Jan. 30, 1992. The unit absorbed the mission and personnel of the inactivated 1002nd CES.

The 50th CES assumed oversight of functions supporting the 50th SW's geographically separated units and remote operating locations around the world.

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