

## 354<sup>th</sup> CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON



### MISSION

354<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron performs facility maintenance, repair, design and construction to water and wastewater treatment. Provides fire protection and military housing. Oversees base operability and survivability and supports worldwide mobility taskings. Ensures environmental requirements, prevention and conservation goals are achieved.

Eielson AFB covers 19,790 acres of land and has 1,476 family housing units, 522 dorm rooms, 715 buildings, and infrastructure worth over \$3.8B. Adding 16 remote sites, these numbers increase to 775 buildings and 67,217 acres of land. These facilities are constructed, maintained and operated under the direction of the 354th Civil Engineer Squadron. The squadron is divided into eight flights and has nearly 600 full time employees.

It operates a coal-fired heat and power plant, water plant and waste-water treatment plant. These facilities make the base independent of commercial utilities. The 354th CES is responsible for other municipal services including refuse collection, recycling, and fire prevention and protection. Additional responsibilities include management of multi-million dollar design and construction programs, energy conservation, environmental and natural resources programs, and bombing range operation and maintenance. Maintaining unit readiness for contingency taskings, supporting disaster preparedness programs and providing explosive ordnance disposal capabilities are also part of the mission of the 354th CES.

### LINEAGE

354<sup>th</sup> Installations Squadron constituted, 28 Sep 1956

Activated, 19 Nov 1956

Redesignated 354<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron, 1 Jul 1960

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1992  
Activated, 20 Aug 1993  
Redesignated 354<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, 1 Mar 1994

### **STATIONS**

Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 19 Nov 1956-1 Aug 1968  
Kunsan AB, South Korea, 1 Aug 1968-15 Jun 1970  
Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 15 Jun 1970  
Eielson AFB, AK

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

354<sup>th</sup> Air Base (later, Combat Support, Support) Group, 19 Nov 1956  
113<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 22 Apr 1968  
354<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Group, 1 Aug 1968-1 Oct 1992, 20 Aug 1993-8 Jul 2002  
354<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group, 8 Jul 2002

### **COMMANDERS**

Maj (later Lt Col) Arthur J. Norden, 19 Nov 56  
Maj John H. Kent, 10 Jan 61  
Lt Col James B. Richards Jr., 12 Jun 61  
Lt Col Richard H. Hardy, 29 Jul 64;  
Lt Robert M. Hood, 29 Sep 64  
1Lt Joseph F. Saccio, 1 Apr 65  
2Lt (later 1Lt) Marvin P. Nail, 21 May 66  
2Lt Gary S. Appel, 18 Jul-1 Jul 68  
none, 2 Jul-31 Jul 68  
Unkn 1 Aug 68-March 69  
Maj Richard K. Hanaoka (dates unknown)  
Maj Warren A. Bryant, by Mar 69  
Maj Ernest D. Strait, 15 Jun 69  
Maj Edward D. Lednicky, 11 Jul 72  
Maj Charles W. Pomeroy, 26 Jan 73  
Maj (later Lt Col) John H. Harty, 1 Jul 75  
Maj (later Lt Col) Fred Rochez, 1 Jul 77  
Lt Col Floyd A. Ashdown, 19 Jun 80  
Lt Col James I. Clark, 1 Aug 83  
Lt Col Michael J. Miller, 18 Dec 86  
Maj Joseph P. DelRasario, 20 Aug 90  
Capt Richard D. Stonestreet, 18 May 92-1 Oct 92  
Lt Col Steven C. Boyce, 20 Aug 93  
Maj David E. Barnes, 24 Jul 95  
Maj George A Herr, Jr., 8 Jul 97  
Lt Col Richard C. Howell, 8 Aug 97  
Lt Col Brian K. Zachmeier, 8 Jul 99

Lt Col Michael K. Myers, 27 Jun 01-25 Jul 03  
Lt Col Alan J. Weider, 25 Jul 03-16 Aug 04  
Lt Col David A. Martinson, 16 Aug 04  
Lt Col Gary J. Schneider, 29 Jun 06-Present

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

Presidential Unit Citation

10 Oct 72-30 Apr 73

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 62-31 Dec 63

15 Jun 70-31 May 72

1 May 74-30 Apr 76

1 May 76-31 May 77

1 Jun 78-31 May 79

1 Jul 85-30 Jun 87

1 May 90-15 Mar 92

20 Aug-1 Sep 93;

11 Sep 00-10 Sep 02

17 Sep 03- 16 Sep 05

## **EMBLEM**

On an AF golden-yellow disc, a white disc charged with a shield per bend brown and red; on the shield an AF golden-yellow bendlet between a draftsman's drawing of a sword (paper white, sword in black outlines) and a hand white, outlined black, grasping an AF golden-yellow sword; encircling the shield a red dragon holding in his claws a spade, right angle, pliers and hose nozzle, brown and AF golden-yellow; the dragon's teeth, wings, and eyeballs white, his mouth, spiny backbone and outline of eye brown; outlines and details black throughout. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron's primary mission and relates to the motto. The drawing of the sword represents the "thought" which is developed in the engineering and drafting section. The working tools held in the dragon's claws indicate the fire department, shops, roads, and grounds. The dragon symbolizes the scope of the squadron's activities and completes the message of the motto, signifying that with these tools the squadron accomplishes its mission. (Approved, 17 Apr 58)

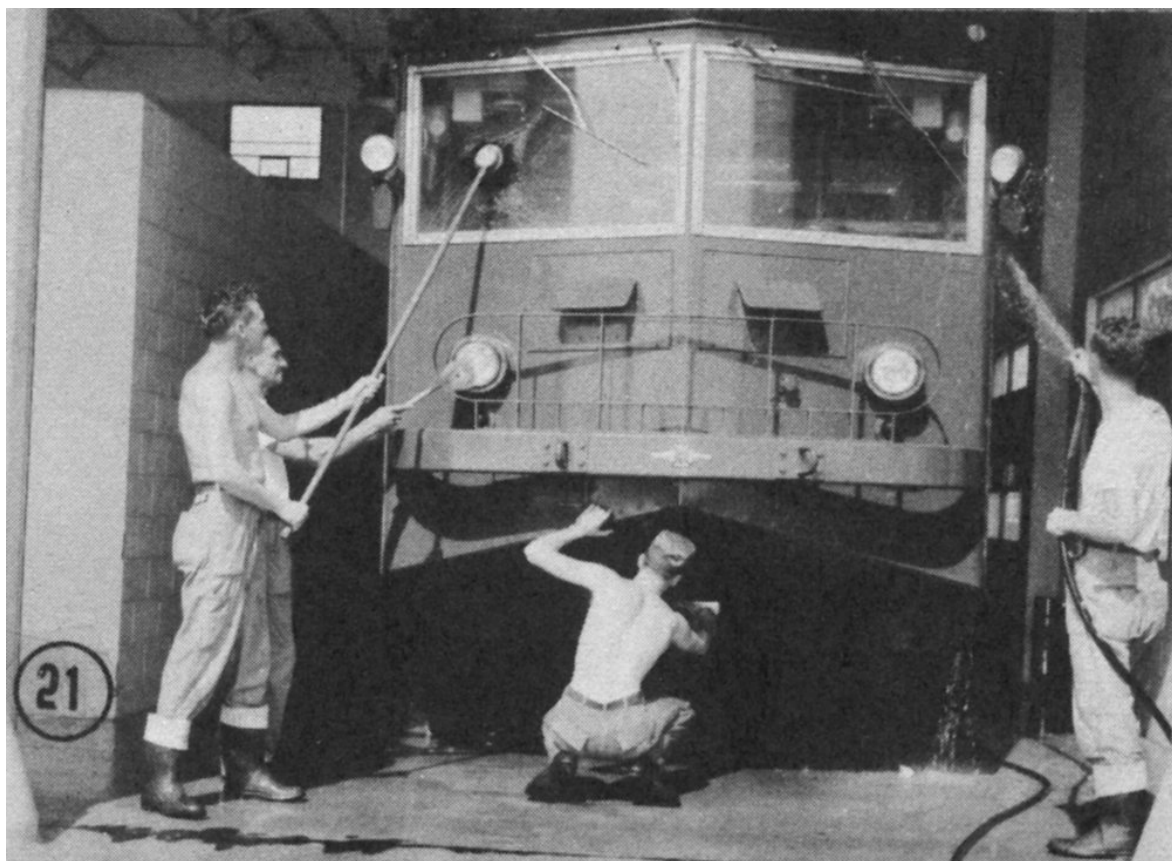
## **MOTTO**

FROM THOUGHT TO DEED

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

On a calm, 10-degrees-below-zero day last week, Air Force civil engineers at Eielson AFB, Alaska, began a six- to 10-week process to construct an ice bridge across the Tanana River from Fairbanks to the Blair Lakes bombing range in the Pacific Alaska Range complex to facilitate movement of heavy-duty maintenance equipment that cannot be airlifted by helicopter; members of the 354th Civil Engineer Squadron build an ice bridge every two years. 2008



Washing down the crash truck. (USAF photo)

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Air Force Order of Battle

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### Sources

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Unit yearbook. *Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 354 Fighter-Day Wing, 1957*. Army and Navy Publishing Co, Inc. Baton Rouge, LA. 1957.