

31 CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON



MISSION

The 31 Civil Engineer Squadron is responsible for facility, airfield, and utility system construction, operations, and maintenance; fire, explosive ordnance, and disaster response forces; unaccompanied and family housing facilities and programs; and environmental security for Aviano Air Base. The squadron also supports three primary and thirteen secondary geographically separated units as well as five contingency and seven communication sites in southern Europe and the Mediterranean.

LINEAGE

Squadron C, 31 Airdrome Group designated, 6 Nov 1947

Organized, 20 Nov 1947

Discontinued, 25 Aug 1948

31 Installations Squadron, Fighter, Jet constituted, 15 Jun 1948

Activated, 22 Aug 1948

Redesignated 31 Installations Squadron, 20 Jan 1950

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1952

Activated, 25 Sep 1957

Inactivated, 1 Jan 1959

Redesignated 31 Civil Engineering Squadron and activated, 9 Jun 1967

Squadron C, 31 Airdrome Group and 31 Civil Engineering Squadron consolidated, 3 Oct 1984. Consolidated unit designated 31 Civil Engineering Squadron.

Organized on 15 Jul 1967

Redesignated 31 Civil Engineer Squadron on 1 Mar 1994

Inactivated on 1 Apr 1994

Activated, 1 Apr 1994

STATIONS

Turner Fld (later, AFB), GA
Tuy Hoa AB, South Vietnam
Homestead AFB, FL, 15 Oct 1970
Aviano AB, Italy , 1 Apr 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Cpt Donald K. Kirkaldie, #1957

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II-IV (1968-1969)
Tet 69/Counteroffensive 1969
Sanctuary Counteroffensive 1970
Southwest Monsoon 1970

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation
1 May-31 Dec 1968

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device
15 Jul 1967-30 Apr 1968

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Apr 1994 – 1 Apr 1996
2 Apr 1996 – 1 Apr 1998
1 Oct 2000 – 1 Oct 2002

EMBLEM



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SIGNIFICANCE. 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 nebuly bend represents the interlocking importance of the civil engineering functions with the Air Force's mission of defending the country. The red disk denotes the valor and courage of the unit's personnel, both past and present, to give the ultimate sacrifice, if necessary. The ball represents the determined and vigorous strength required to accomplish the mission. (Approved, 16 Nov 1994)

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OPERATIONS

31 Civil Engineer Squadron provided assistance to the town of Assisi, Italy, 26 Sep 1997; area severely damaged by earthquake.

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