

114th RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SQUADRON

LINEAGE

STATIONS

Sioux Falls, SD

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Norman K. Peterson, #1986

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The mission of the Motor pool over the last 40 years has not changed to the same extent as some of the other sections on base. The mission of the motor pool is to provide safe vehicle to support the mission of the unit. The biggest changes happen when the change of aircraft occurs. Whether this means swapping a few vehicles around or getting the correct new vehicle to provide the proper support for the new mission involved.

The motor pool got its start with the army base when Ali Mabee was in charge. At this time they had mostly army or the non civilian type vehicles. The number of vehicles at this time was around 50 and the number of personnel was a whopping 45, at this time we had no POL section and the driving duties were handled by the drivers section of the motor pool. The return after

activation brought perhaps the biggest change in the motor pool. Upon their return in 1952, Eugene Cady took over as superintendent and the motor pool moved from its place in an old wooden warehouse near the POL, to the location near supply. In 1963 McDowell took over as superintendent, and remained until 1969 when Millford Soward gained the head chair.

The next major change occurred, in Dec. 1976, when the motor pool moved to their present location at the west end of the base near the crash station. This location is well suited as it permits the personnel of the motor pool to be closer to the crash station which permits the auxiliary crash personnel of the motor pool to get to their assigned vehicles in the crash station in much less time. The move was needed because as the mission and the base grew, so did the mission of the motor pool. At their former location, there was not enough room to expand. With the new building, came the addition of a special vehicle maintenance section. This special maintenance section allows the personnel to perform maintenance on crash and POL type vehicles. If you ask any of the special maintenance people what they think of the new facility you won't hear any complaints here. They will tell you it sure beats outside. The special maintenance used to be conducted outside, year round. That's right, all year long the mission goes on and so does the motor pool. Many long wet and snowy years were spent working on these vehicles outside before the addition of this new facility. At present the motor pool now operates with 88 vehicles and 25 personnel including 7 fulltime technicians.

One of the toughest jobs the motor pool has to support is snow removal. The personnel have to put in long hours operating the snow removal equipment and when it's all over they get to pull maintenance on the equipment they just got out of. Time spent in the equipment can be as little as 1000 hours on a good year to more than 3000 in a bad winter season.

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