

152 CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

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Redesignated 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron

STATIONS

Reno, NV

ASSIGNMENTS

152 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

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Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

The Nevada Air Guard has also provided personnel to help erect playground equipment at a Stead elementary school and assessed numerous Innovative Readiness Training requests, which specifically call for engineer support. These requests can be as simple as remodel work for charitable organizations or as complex as preparing the Sierra Nevada Girl Scout Camp Wasiu on Gold Mountain. Each year, the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron helps get the camp in working order, utilizing several Air Force specialties with work on the camp's septic tanks, plumbing, tent platforms, pool upgrades and repairing damage done by winter snows.

The 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron, located in Reno, played an important role in the Global War on Terrorism during the past two years by deploying numerous Airmen to Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. The unit also supported local projects around the Reno area. In the early months of 2009, the unit deployed four Airmen to Curaçao in support of Operation Coronet Oak to perform firefighting and administrative duties. The unit sent 15 Airmen to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, in March to attend a test session for a new pre-deployment training program designed for civil engineers working on overseas missions. The members trained, analyzed program content, and provided feedback to the cadre. In April, the unit deployed 41 civil engineers to Canada to work on construction projects and upgrades for Canadian Forces Trenton as part of its Deployment for Training Program. The engineers repaired two running trail bridges, constructed four large concrete arresting pads along with a 120-yard sidewalk, remodeled the base gym, re-sided an airfield pump house, provided firefighter support and constructed a 5,000-square-foot shelter.

Within the local community, 10 Guardsmen traveled to South Lake Tahoe, Calif., in the spring to begin roof repairs and fix water damage at the Pope Estate's Historic Building located at the Tallac Historic Site. The Airmen removed the damaged roof and rebuilt it with materials that resembled the original facility. During the summer months, the unit deployed 21 engineers to Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait along with 17 to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan for six months. The Guardsman repaired damaged runways, provided 24-hour facility maintenance and significantly improved the base's perimeter security with concrete barriers and berms.

In September 2009, the unit's firefighters volunteered to support the Reno National Championship Air Races with around the-clock fire prevention. Four firefighters also deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, through the end of the year and provided continuous airfield and facility fire prevention. To conclude the busy year, the remainder of the unit worked at Camp Wasiu Girl Scout Camp near Graeagle, Calif., where they performed facility repairs and removed hazardous fallen trees. By the start of 2010, all of the squadron's Airmen had safely returned from Kuwait and Afghanistan.

2009 About 20 members of the 152nd Civil Engineer Squadron are currently deployed, with the majority stationed in Kuwait. Its mission is to build structures, lay out roadways and complete general construction projects.

In May, 10 engineers returned to the historic site at Lake Tahoe to complete repairs to the Pope Estate roof, working through an unexpected snowstorm, and then installing wiring and fans in the public restrooms. One firefighter deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, in the spring to support firefighter operations for four months. The unit also sent 12 Airmen to Camp Wasiu in June to make facility repairs and remove trees in preparation for the summer season. In July, 24 engineers deployed to the Naval Warfare Training Facility on Coronado Island in San Diego, Calif., to construct a dining facility for Navy SEAL trainees. Taking an area that was previously a picnic cabana, the unit built an efficient, enclosed, safe facility able to support 200 sailors.

The project was completed within 10 days of the initial National Guard Bureau request. Through the remainder of 2010, the unit prepared for the wing unit compliance inspection that will begin in September 2011.

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