

354 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

354 Food Service Squadron constituted, 28 Sep 1956

Activated, 19 Nov 1956

Inactivated, 25 Sep 1957

354 Services Squadron constituted and activated, 1 Jul 1967

354 Food Service Squadron and 354 Services Squadron consolidated, 10 Oct 1984.

Consolidated unit designated 354 Services Squadron.

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1992

Redesignated 354 Morale, Welfare, Recreation, and Services Squadron, 1 Aug 1993

Activated, 20 Aug 1993

Redesignated 354 Services Squadron, 1 Jan 1994

Redesignated 354 Force Support Squadron on 1 Apr 2008.

STATIONS

Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 19 Nov 1956-25 Sep 1957

Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 1 Jul 1967

Kunsan AB, Korea, 1 Aug 1968

Myrtle Beach AFB, SC, 15 Jun 1970-1 Oct 1992

Eielson AFB, AK, 20 Aug 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

354 Air Base Group 19 Nov 1956-25 Sep 1957

354 Combat Support Group, 1 Jul 1967-1 Oct 1992
354 Support (later, 354 Mission Support) Group, 8 Jul 2002

COMMANDERS

Unknown, 1956-1957
Capt John N. Webster, 1 Jul 1967
None, 2 Jul 1968
Unknown, 1 Aug 1968-19 Jan 1969
Maj Julian M. Currie
Capt Donald E. Carter, 20 Jan 1969
Capt James F. Wise, 15 Jun 1970
Lt Col James E. Hodge, 27 Aug 1972
Lt Col John E. Cozine, 19 Aug 1976
Lt Col William A. Lenz, 16 Nov 1976
Lt Col Benjamin C. Brown, by 8 Sep 1980
Maj Watson C. Parks Jr., 7 Jul 1982
Maj Edward E. Brown, 4 Aug 1986
Lt Col Carl D. Melin, 7 Dec 1987
Capt M.R. Rogers, 31 Mar 1990
Capt Joseph P. Grof, 10 Nov 1990
Maj William M. Banks, 20 Sep 1991-31 Mar 1993
Maj James W. Burgin, 20 Aug 1993
Maj Michael K. Flood, 9 Jun 1995
Lt Col Michael L. Kelly, 17 Jan 1997
Maj Edward C. Stinchcomb, 16 Jun 1997
Maj James M. McCleskey, 2 Jun 1999
Maj Dane A. Matthew, 26 Jun 2003
Maj Alejandro Garcia Jr., 5 Jun 2005

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation
10 Oct 1972-30 Apr 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
15 Jun 1970-31 May 1972
1 May 1974-30 Apr 1976
11 May 1976-31 May 1977

1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1987
1 May 1990-15 Mar 1992
11 Sep 2000-10 Sep 2002
17 Sep 2003-16 Sep 2005
17 Sep 2005-20 Oct 2006

EMBLEM

On a light green disc, a diagonal stripe from dexter chief to sinister base divided white between blue above and scarlet below, overall a folded United States flag proper surmounted by three heads in profile, black between white, and a yellow cornucopia detailed black arcing from above the heads to sinister base and filled with multicolored fruits; all within a narrow blue border. Attached above the disc a yellow scroll edged with a narrow blue border. Attached below the disc a yellow scroll edged with a narrow blue border and inscribed READY TO SERVE in blue letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The Emblem represent the various aspects of the services mission of the profile represent the people served by the squadron. This includes lodging and dining hall service (indicated by the cornucopia). The folded flag represents the honor guard and the interment services performed by them. (Approved, 23 Sep 1988)

MOTTO

READY TO SERVE

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

354th Services Squadron develops and provides programs to enhance morale, spirit de corps for over 7,000 personnel and family members. Programs include food services, recreation, lodging, child development, mortuary affairs, library, social and fitness opportunities. Provides combat ready Air Expeditionary Forces. Wing liaison to the Army/Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency.

The 354th Force Support Squadron will become official today (April 29) during a ceremony at Eielson AFB, Alaska. The Air Force selected Eielson in January 2007 as one of six bases at which to test the force-shaping initiative of merging mission support and service units into a single consolidated force support squadron. A provisional FSS stood up at Eielson last July during the test period. The Air Force approved the new permanent FSS structure April 1. The base's new FSS includes five flights: force development, manpower and personnel, airman and family services, sustainment services, and community services.

USAF Unit Histories

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Sources

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