

## 437 CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON



### MISSION

The mission of the 437 Civil Engineer Squadron is to produce a sense of community and uphold quality of life standards while supporting the projection of aerospace power through agile infrastructure and agile combat support.

The 437 Civil Engineer Squadron, with its 366 military and civilian personnel, is responsible for directing design, construction, maintenance, and repair activities on \$2.6B of base facility and infrastructure systems. Our responsibilities cover 6,500 acres, 5 million square feet of floor space and 3.7 million square yards of pavement. In addition, we provide base fire protection services, manage 716 family housing units, execute an annual budget of over \$50 million, provide base disaster preparedness support, provide comprehensive environmental management services, and direct explosive ordnance disposal for local and worldwide Department of Defense and Presidential support requirements. The 437 CES also provides full spectrum infrastructure and fire protection support to the North Field training complex.

### LINEAGE

437 Installations Squadron constituted, 28 Jul 1950

Activated in the Reserve, 1 Aug 1950

Ordered to Active Service, 10 Aug 1950

Inactivated, 10 Jun 1952

Activated in the Reserve, 15 Jun 1952

Inactivated, 16 Nov 1957

Redesignated 437 Civil Engineering Squadron and activated, 27 Dec 1965

Organized, 8 Jan 1966

Redesignated 437 Civil Engineer Squadron, 1 Mar 1994

### STATIONS

Chicago-Orchard (later, O'Hare Field-Chicago International) Airport, IL: 1-14 Aug 1950  
Shaw AFB, SC, 14 Aug – 16 Oct 1950  
Brady Field, Japan: 8 Nov 1950 – 10 Jun 1952  
O'Hare International Airport, IL, 15 Jun 1952 – 16 Nov 1957  
Charleston AFB, SC, 8 Jan 1966

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Military Air Transport Service: 27 Dec 1965 – 8 January 1966;  
437 Air Base (later, 437 Combat Support, 437 Support, 437 Mission Support) Group, 1 Aug 1950 –  
10 Jun 1952; 15 Jun 1952 – 16 Nov 1957; 8 Jan 1966

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Valor  
11 Sep 2001 – 30 Jun 2003

#### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards**

11 Jul 1966 – 10 Jul 1967  
11 Jul 1967 – 10 Jun 1968  
11 Jul 1968 – 12 Jun 1969  
13 Jun 1969 – 12 Jun 1970  
1 Jul 1972 – 30 Jun 1973  
1 Jul 1982 – 30 Jun 1984  
1 Jun 1984 – 30 Jun 1986  
1 Jul 1988 – 30 Jun 1989  
1 Jul 1989 – 30 Jun 1990  
21 Sep – 31 Oct 1989  
1 Jul 1993 – 30 Jun 1995  
1 Jul 1995 – 30 Jun 1997  
1 Jul 1997 – 30 Jun 1998  
1 Jul 1998 – 30 Jun 2000

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation  
1 July 1951 – [10 June 1952]

## **EMBLEM**



437 Civil Engineering Squadron emblem

At the center of the design is the head of the PRIME BEEF bull, representing the readiness role of our civil engineering squadron. The remainder of the design includes tools representing a few of the Air Force Specialty Codes contained in the civil engineering career field. The upper and lower portions of the designs are separated by a T-square, used in site development. The upper right section shows a light bulb, representing the interior and exterior electric fields. The upper left section shows a faucet, representing the plumbing career field. A hammer and saw in the lower left section represents tools used in the carpentry career field. To the right of that is the hat of a firefighter, another integral part of civil engineering. (Approved, 2 Dec 1982)

### **MOTTO**

SUCCESS THROUGH READINESS

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Since September 11, 2001, the 437 CES has supported both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom on an almost continual basis, deploying over 900 personnel to support the Global War on Terror. The 437th CES was twice-selected as the Best CE Squadron in AMC (Small-Unit) and Runner-up at Air Force for 2005 and for 2006 and selected as the Best Fire Protection Flight in Best Environmental Flight in the Air Force for 2006.

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