

838 ENGINEERING INSTALLATION SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

838 Engineering Installation Squadron

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Charles Ayala, Jul 1993

LTC Carl Williamson, Jul 1996

Col John Swindoll, Jul 1998

Cpt Richard Black, Sep 2000

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Outstanding Unit Awards

10 Dec 1993-9 Dec 1995

10 Dec 1995-9 Dec 1996

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 1827th EIS was redesignated to the 838th EIS on 17 January 1995

One of Kelly's tenants, the 838th Engineering Installation Squadron (EIS), that the BRAC commission told to move from East Kelly to Lackland did not move. But unlike the Air Force News Agency and the Midwest Region Headquarters of the Defense Commissary Agency which choose to remain in their buildings on East Kelly and become tenants of the GKDC, the 838th was inactivated. The cost to build the squadron new facilities grew prohibitive so, as part of the streamlining of force structure resulting from the 1997 Quadrennial Defense Review, the Air Force announced on February 10, 1998, that the 838th would inactivate. On June 30, 2000, the squadron completed the last of its projects. Over the past year, two teams from the 838th EIS worked to complete critical cable projects supporting Kelly's realignment. Also on June 30, the squadron brought home its last deployed members who had worked at Minot AFB and Grand Forks AFB, both in North Dakota, as quality assurance evaluators for telecommunication installation contracts. In addition, the last 838th EIS electronics project was completed on June 21 at Holloman AFB, New Mexico. Squadron members were now fully focused on the mission of closing the unit. On December 15, 2000, AFMC inactivated the 838th EIS, ending its 42 years of service to the United States.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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