

944 CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

944 Civil Engineering Flight constituted, 13 Aug 1971
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Jan 1972
Inactivated, 1 Jan 1977
Redesignated 944 Civil Engineering Squadron, 31 Oct 1983
Activated in the Reserve, 8 Nov 1983
Redesignated 944 Civil Engineer Squadron, 1 Mar 1994

STATIONS

Norton AFB, CA, 1 Jan 1972-1 Jan 1977
Luke AFB, AZ, 8 Nov 1983

ASSIGNMENTS

944 Military Airlift Group, 1 Jan 1972
445 Military Airlift Wing, 1 Jul 1973-1 Jan 1977
Tenth Air Force, 8 Nov 1983
452 Air Refueling Wing, 1 Jan 1984
944 Tactical Fighter (later, 944 Fighter) Group, 1 Jul 1987
944 Support (later, 944 Mission Support) Group, 1 Aug 1992

ATTACHMENTS

Tactical Fighter Group, Provisional 9150, 1 Mar 1986-1 Jul 1987

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Byron Dixon

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1987-31 Aug 1989

1 Jan 1990-31 Dec 1991

1 Jan 1992-30 Jun 1993

28 Nov 1993-6 Feb 1994

6 Sep 1998-5 Sep 2000

EMBLEM



An or sun radiating or and gules beams is positioned at sinister chief and occupies all chief positions. An ultramarine azure mountain range extends across the disc from directly below chief to fess point. A vert cactus is surmounted ver the mountains at between ess point and sinister. A field of brown extends across the disc from fess point and occupies all positions below. The sable shadow of the cactus surmounted ver the field of brown forms a runway with taxiways stretching from both sides. An or line extending from between fess point and sinister forms the Center line stripe of the runway. The disc is bordered with sable. A vert scroll is attached below the disc. The scroll is also bordered with sable. The scroll is blank and is reserved for the unit's designation. **SIGNIFICANCE:** ultramarine blue and air force yellow are used in the design. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of air force operations. Yellow signifies the sun and the excellence required of air force personnel. The cactus represents the root or origin point of the

runway as well as a unique natural resource of the area where the 944th originated. The color green symbolizes the amazing adaptability of the cactus and of unit members who must adjust to most any environmental condition. The mountains are symbolic of motivation. As man has always strived to climb them, we are motivated to rise to our calling or mission, whether at time of war or peace. The color brown depicts the earth. It is this element on which we, as civil engineers labor. It is the base of all our accomplishments. It is the source of the runway, and therefore the beginning and the end of the complete circle; the point at which the aircraft departs and returns. (Approved, 30 Mar 1992)

Unofficial emblem significance emblem supplied by unit: At first impression this-patch design seems to depict a landscape scene relevant to the 944's historic location. The underlying symbolism is much more. Two of the major elements in this design are the sun and the shadow of the cactus, which becomes the runway: the main trunk -being the runway itself and the arms being taxiways. The center-line stripe indicates direction and focus, as does the sun. The color of the centerline being the same as the sun visually ties the two together. The sun symbolizes a central and initial focus, as it does in our solar system. The runway is the central focus of our main mission: the continual maintenance of the runway to perfection. Black stands for determination. And black and yellow both stand for constancy. The black and yellow of the runway symbolize the consistent determination for excellence by the members of the 944th civil engineering squadron. The yellow of the sun stands for the constant dissemination or radiation of excellence and hon by those who have served. The red stand for the courage of, and the blood shed by those who have given their lives through their loyalty.

The significance of the one cactus being the root or the origin point of the runway is that the cactus signifies a unique natural resource of the area where the 944th originated. The green color stands for the amazing adaptability of the cactus and of the mobility members who must adjust to most any environmental condition. The mountains which rise from the earth are a symbol of motiva- tion. As man has always strived to climb them, we are motivated to rise to our calling or mission, whether at time of war or peace. Their color, blue, stands for constancy, loyalty, justice and truth. The mountains majestically stand, ever present, as does truth and justice, and our loyalty to our country. The color brown symbolizes the earth. It is this element on which we, as civil engineers labor, and is the base of all our accomplishments. It is the source of the runway, and therefore the beginning and the end of the complete circle; the place at which the aircraft departs and returns.

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