

12 CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

12 Installations Squadron constituted, 27 Oct 1950
Activated, 1 Nov 1950
Inactivated, 16 Jun 1952
Redesignated 12 Civil Engineering Squadron and activated, 3 Nov 1965
Organized, 8 Nov 1965
Inactivated, 17 Nov 1971
Activated, 1 May 1972
Inactivated, 1 Nov 1978
Activated, 1 Jul 1988
Redesignated 12 Civil Engineer Squadron, 1 Mar 1994

STATIONS

Turner AFB, GA, 1 Nov 1950
Bergstrom AFB, TX, 5 Dec 1950-16 Jun 1952
Cam Ranh Bay AB, South Vietnam, 8 Nov 1965
Phu Cat AB, South Vietnam, 31 Mar 1970-17 Nov 1971
Randolph AFB, TX, 1 May 1972-1 Nov 1978
Randolph AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1988

ASSIGNMENTS

12 Air Base Group, 1 Nov 1950
27 Air Base Group, 6 Aug 1951-16 Jun 1952
12 Combat Support Group, 8 Nov 1965-17 Nov 1971
12 Air Base Group, 1 May 1972-1 Nov 1978
12 Air Base (later, 12 Support) Group, 1 Jul 1988

COMMANDERS

Col W. H. Lillie, Jr., #1969

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam

Vietnam Defensive 1965-1966

Vietnam Air 1966

Vietnam Air Offensive 1966-1967

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II 1967-1968

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III 1968

Vietnam Air/Ground 1968

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV 1968-1969

TET 69/Counteroffensive 1969

Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969

Vietnam Winter/Spring 1969-1970

Sanctuary Counteroffensive 1970

Southwest Monsoon 1970

Commando Hunt V 1970-1971

Commando Hunt VI 1971

Commando Hunt VII 1971-1972

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation

8 Feb-8 Apr 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

1 Jun 1966-31 May 1967

1 Jun 1967-31 May 1968

1 Jun 1968-31 May 1969

1 Jun 1969-31 Mar 1970

1 Apr 1970-21 Oct 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 May 1972-28 Feb 1973

1 Jul-31 Dec 1988

1 Jan 1990-31 Dec 1991

1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995

1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1996

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
[8 Nov] 1965-10 Nov 1971

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OPERATIONS

12th Civil Engineering Squadron began operations at Cam Ranh Bay on August 1965, when the first Air Force advance party arrived from McDill AFB, Florida, to begin construction of what was to eventually become Cam Ranh Bay Air Base.

In October 1965, the first aircraft touched down, and in the ensuing months of the first year over 20,000 F-4C sorties were flown. The following October, 8,000 feet of concrete runway opened, thus allowing larger aircraft to use Cam Ranh Bay AB, Meanwhile, the 12 CES had continued to develop base facilities, including billeting, office, hanger and shop structures.

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