

52 CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

52 Installations Squadron
Inactivated, 6 Feb 1952
Redesignated 52 Civil Engineering Squadron
Activated, 1 Jul 1963
Discontinued, 30 Sep 1968
Redesignated 52 Civil Engineer Squadron

STATIONS

McGuire AFB, NJ, 4 Oct 1949-6 Feb 1952
Suffolk County AFB, NY
Spangdahelm AB Germany, 31 Dec 1971

ASSIGNMENTS

52 Air Base Group
52 Combat Support Group
52 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Demolition of older facilities at Spangdahlem AB, Germany, is slated to get under way within the next year, as officials gear up for a multi-year project to adapt the fighter base to support the needs of a new special operations wing. Some \$300 million of the European Infrastructure Consolidation fund, which began arriving in June, will be used for a range of construction projects once demolition is complete, including a large aircraft apron to support C-130 and CV-22 operations, runway work, new support and maintenance hangars, a wing headquarters building, and a special tactics squadron facility, near where some of Spang's old A-10 facilities were built, Lt. Col. Chris Meeker, the 52nd Civil Engineering Squadron commander, told Air Force Magazine during a recent visit to the base.

Administration space also will open up after the 606th Air Control Squadron transitions to Aviano AB, Italy, another EIC directive. Meeker said he does not expect any serious impacts to base operations once the project gets going, though there will need to be some careful scheduling. The plan to move the SOW by 2020 is an aggressive timeline, he noted, but every year Mildenhall stays open costs USAF another \$120 million in operations costs. 2015

Extensive infrastructure investments, available space, and underused facilities all played a role in the decision to move the 352nd Special Operations Wing from RAF Mildenhall, UK, to Spangdahlem AB, Germany, officials with the 52nd Fighter Wing told Air Force Magazine. Lt. Col. Chris Meeker, the 52nd Civil Engineering Squadron commander, noted that since 2010,

Spangdahlem has lost the bulk of its fighter forces, going from three fighter squadrons down to just one—the 480th FS.

As a result, a great deal of excess shelter space, support facilities, parking areas, and ramp space has opened up to accommodate a new mission, and DOD leaders believed it would be the best site to support missions both in Europe and Africa. In addition, Spangdahlem has received upwards of \$370 million worth of infrastructure improvements as part of the base's "northwest expansion" since 2004, either through US-funded projects or contributions by the base's German neighbors. These improvements include a new commissary, medical and dental clinics, childcare center, new schools, and refurbished water and electrical systems. As the process stands, the base's civil engineers will begin demolition of older facilities soon, then begin work on underground utilities in Fiscal 2017, with construction slated to begin in Fiscal 2018 on facilities to support the SOW. 2015

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