

AIR FORCE CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE



LINEAGE

Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence established and activated, 23 Jul 1991

STATIONS

Brooks AFB, TX/Brooks City Base, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Michael F. McPherson, #1995

Gary M. Erikson, #1997

Paul A. Parker, #2004

Dennis Firman, #2008

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Established as a field operating agency, 23 Jul 1991

AFCEE

Azure, a compass Argent surmounted by an eagle descending Proper, tail Buff, all encompassed by a laurel Vert fimbriated of the second; all within a diminished bordure Or.

Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "AFCEE" in Blue letters.

Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The compass represents the unit's design and construction functions. The eagle is the national symbol and reflects the Center's mission to keep protecting the environment. The wreath of laurel symbolizes the Center's personnel and their commitment to excellence in their work.

AFCEE

Agency Mission To provide integrated engineering and environmental management, execution and technical services to ensure sustainable installations optimize Air Force capabilities. The agency comprises 44 military and 440 civilian employees. Significant Accomplishments Ground was broken for a new fitness center at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. Expected to be finished in March 2009, the facility will feature two full-size NCAA basketball courts with bleachers to seat 400 people, a juice bar, two massage rooms, saunas, and an 8,000 square-foot cardio/weight room. Project managers worked to preserve the environment during the planning stages, with top priority given to saving as many trees as possible.

A \$5M renovation was completed on the 17,000-square-foot Squadron Operations Facility at Dover AFB, Del. Work included demolition of some parts of the facility and abatement of asbestos containing materials; design and construction of the building's electrical system to accommodate the new construction; replacing the HVAC system throughout the building; landscaping in accordance with base standards; and fixing drainage problems. AFCEE teamed with Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Europe District, and host nation design and construction agencies on the largest military family housing program in the Department of Defense in 60 years at Air Force bases throughout Europe. More than 1,600 homes will have been replaced or improved by 2010, at an estimated cost of almost half a billion dollars.

Work was completed on a new \$35M base exchange on Andersen AFB, Guam. The facility will serve more than 8,000 active and inactive military personnel, federal civilians, contractors, and military retirees who live on Guam. In Iraq, AFCEE constructed a police station that serves as a department of the Criminal Investigation Division, the Iraqi equivalent of the American FBI. The facility is located in Kalar, 30 miles west of the Iranian border in Sulaimaniyah province. The police station, a three-story, 2,916 square meter structure with underground parking, boasts a number of high-tech features, such as wireless Internet connection, satellite receivers, and photovoltaic perimeter lighting. Also in Iraq, AFCEE managed construction of a new, state-of-the-art identification and weapons card facility in Baghdad for the Ministry of the Interior. The 1,070 square meter building can produce up to 1,500 employee ID and 500 weapons "smart cards" daily.

These technically enhanced cards use an iris scan, fingerprints and photo to identify the cardholder, making counterfeiting difficult. After nearly a year under construction, the first 35 units of the Throver Park housing area were turned over to Keesler AFB, Miss. They represent the initial group of what will be more than 1,000 military family housing units being built under a \$287M AFCEE contract to replace homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.

Rusting old iron catwalks were replaced with new aluminum walkways in a \$1.48M project at the U.S. Naval Base, Guam. The catwalks connect Delta and Echo piers as well as mooring piers and dolphins — concrete structures used to guide and moor vessels — at the base. Work was done in two phases so as to allow one of the piers to be operational at all times and not impede operations at the facility.

AFCEE partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and private-sector contractors to form the San Antonio Joint Service BRAC and Military Construction Program Management Office which will oversee design and construction of new medical instructional facilities for the Medical Education and Training Campus at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The San Antonio BRAC program involves building and renovating 78 major facilities and about six million square feet of space through September 2011. AFCEE is responsible for executing about \$300M to \$700M of the more than \$2B in total projects.

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