

502 Air Base Wing History



The history of the 502d Air Base Wing (ABW) traces its roots as far back as the inception of Maxwell Air Force Base, which originally started with a plot of land used by Orville and Wilbur Wright who taught a civilian flying school in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1910.

When the U.S. entered World War I in 1917, the Army Air Service established an Aircraft and Engine Repair Depot, which became Maxwell Field in 1922.

In November 1947, the 502d Air University Wing was activated as the host unit at Maxwell Field. On Jan. 13, 1948, Maxwell Field became Maxwell Air Force Base.

On July 28, 1948, Air University replaced the 502d Air University Wing with the 3800th Air University Wing. On Oct. 1, 1992, Air University inactivated the 3800th Air Base Wing and replaced it with the newly activated 502d Air Base Wing. On July 1, 1993, Air University became a subordinate component of Air Education and Training Command. On Oct. 1, 1994, the Air Force inactivated the 502d ABW and redesignated the 42nd Bombardment Wing.

In August 2009, the 502d ABW reactivated at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston to provide installation support to Joint Base San Antonio, which encompassed JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, -Lackland, -Randolph, -Camp Bullis and other DOD locations in and around San Antonio.

On Jan. 31, 2010, the 502d ABW achieved initial operating capability with the activation of the 802d Mission Support Group and inactivation of the 37th Training Wing's 37th Mission Support Group at JBSA-Lackland; and the activation of the 902d Mission Support Group and inactivation of the 12th Flying Training Wing's 12th Mission Support Group at JBSA-Randolph. At the same time, the USAF Band of the West was reassigned from the 37th TRW to the 502d ABW.

Initial operating capability at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and -Camp Bullis followed April 30, 2010, when the wing assumed base support activities from the U.S. Army Garrison at Fort Sam Houston with the activation of the 50nd Mission Support Group.

On Oct. 1, 2010, Joint Base San Antonio achieved full operational capability. Each mission support group consisted of civil engineers, communications, comptroller, contracting, force support, logistics readiness, and security forces squadrons, and provided mission support at its location carrying the numerical designation of its parent group. In addition to these, the 802d Operational Support Squadron was assigned to the 802 MSG to support flying operations at JBSA-Lackland and Kelly Annex; and a trainer development office was assigned to the 902d MSG to design, develop, fabricate, assemble, modify, repair, refurbish and maintain training equipment in support of the command-wide AETC training mission.

502 FSG

The History of the 502d Force Support Group was established on 1 September 1992 as the 502d Support Group and activated on 1 Oct 1992 at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, to provide installation support at that location as part of the 502d Air Base Wing. At that time the group consisted of five squadrons. The 502d Support Group was inactivated on 1 October 1994, along with the rest of the 502d Air Base Wing, when the 42d Air Base Wing was activated at Maxwell as it assumed its installation support role.

On 28 July 2009, the group was redesignated as the 502d Mission Support Group and was reactivated on 30 April 2010 at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston under the Command of Army Col Mary Garr and the 502 ABW Commander Brig Gen Leonard A. Patrick to provide installation support at that location, while the group's sister organizations, the 802d and 902d Mission Support Groups provided installation support at JBSA-Lackland and JBSA-Randolph.

At reactivation, six squadrons were assigned to the group, the 502d Force Support Squadron, the 502d Communications Squadron, the 502d Security Forces Squadron, the 502d Civil Engineer Squadron, the 502d Contracting Squadron, and the 502d Logistics Readiness Squadron. On 3 December 2013, the group was redesignated as the 502d Force Support Group as part of a major transformation of the organizational structure of the 502d Air Base Wing. This transformation reorganized the wing along functional lines versus the previous location-based structure of the wing. In 2018 another reorganization occurred. Today the FSG continues to support the 502 ABW and its mission partners.



2010 JBSA 502 MSG Emblem



2010 Col Mary Garr CMDR 502 MSG



2013 JBSA 502 FSG Emblem

502 ISG

The history of the 502d Installation Support Group (ISG) began as the 802d Mission Support Group (MSG) with the JBSA 502 Air Base Wing (ABW), which stood up on 31 Jan 2010. As Initial Operating Capability (IOC) was achieved the 802 MSG was activated, as it inactivated the 37th Training Wing's 37th MSG JBSA-Lackland. By 1 Oct 2010 the 802 MSG and the 502 ABW would achieve Full Operational Capability.

In 2012, the 502 ABW initiated a reorganization of the wing and its subordinate units along functional lines in order to better execute the installation support mission of JBSA, and on 3 December 2013 the reorganization came to fruition. The 802 MSG was inactivated and the 502d Installation Support Group (ISG) was activated at JBSA-Lackland as part of a major transformation of the organizational structure of the 502 ABW. This transformation reorganized the wing along functional lines versus the previous location-based structure of the wing. Upon activation, three squadrons were assigned to the group: the 502d Civil Engineer Squadron (CES), the 502d Communication Squadron (CS), and the 502d Operations Support Squadron (OSS).

In 2018, the JBSA 502 (ABW) commander implemented another reorganization of the wing, groups, and squadrons. The 502 ISG, consisting of the 502 CS and 502 (OSS), increased its scope of responsibility by gaining the 502d Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS), and the Training Development Squadron (TDS), while losing the 502 (CES) to the Civil Engineering Group. As of 2024, the 502 ISG encompasses the 502 OSS, LRS, CS, and TDS as it continues to support JBSA 502 ABW and its mission partners.



2010 Activation 802 MSG



2010 Col Patrick Fogarty



2010 Col Richard Houghton



2012 Col William Eger III

502 SFG

The 502d Security Forces Group history dates back as early as 1992, established on 1 September 1992 as the 502d Logistics and Operations Group and activated on 1 Oct 1992 at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, providing logistical and operational support as part of the 502d Air Base Wing. The group inactivated on 1 October 1994, along with the rest of the 502d Air Base Wing, when the 42d Air Base Wing was activated at Maxwell and assumed its installation support role.

On 3 December 2013, the group was reactivated at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph under the 502 Air Base Wing, as the 502 Security Forces and Logistics Support Group (SFLSG), which was part of a major transformation of the organizational structure of the 502d ABW. This transformation reorganized the wing along functional lines versus the previous location-based structure of the wing. Upon activation five squadrons were assigned to the group: the 502d Security Forces Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, the 802d Security Forces Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, the 902d Security Forces Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, the 502d Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS) at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, and the 502d Trainer Development Squadron (TDS) at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

In 2018 the JBSA 502D ABW Commander would again implement reorganization of the wing, groups, and squadrons. The 502D Security Forces Logistic Support Group (SFLSG) would go through two more name changes becoming the Security & Readiness Group (SRG) and later renamed the Security Forces Group (SFG), which would continue to retain responsibility of the 502D Security Forces Squadron (SFS), 802D SFS and the 902D SFS, while the 502D LRS and the TDS were reassigned under the ISG. As of 2022 the 502 SFG continues to reside on JBSA Randolph.



2013 Col Erlewine CDR SFLSG



2013 502 SFLSG Reactivates



2014 Col Gimbrone CDR SFLSG



2017 502 SRG Renamed SFG

502 CEG

The 502D Civil Engineer Group (CEG) was constituted on 30 July 2018 and activated on 1 September 2018 under the 502D Air Base Wing (ABW) at Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA), Fort Sam Houston Texas.

As the 502D ABW assumed responsibility as the host unit in 2010 it originally consisted of three major Air Force support elements: the 802D Mission Support Group (MSG) at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB), Texas, the 902D MSG at Randolph AFB, Texas and the 502D MSG at Fort Sam Houston Texas.

The three groups and their subordinate squadrons accomplished the various installation support missions throughout JBSA, including its civil engineering functions. However, in 2018 a major reorganization took place adding the 502 Civil Engineer Group (CEG), which established an engineering group element that would supply greater support throughout the JBSA domain.

The 502D CEG also assumed responsibility for three squadrons, the 502D, 802D, and the 902D CES, which had been inactive since 3 December 2013.

As of August 2023, the 502D CEG continues to provide engineering support, maintaining, restoring, and protecting the managed assets of the joint bases' infrastructure and facilities, including environmental stewardship, real estate management, comprehensive and space management, energy and utility systems, roads and grounds, military family housing, facility maintenance and in-house repairs, fire emergency services, and readiness and emergency management services throughout JBSA.



2018 MS Brenda Roesch 1st Director CEG



1 Sept 2018 502 CEG Activates



2018 Mr. Richard Trevino Pres Dir/CDR CEG

502 CPTS

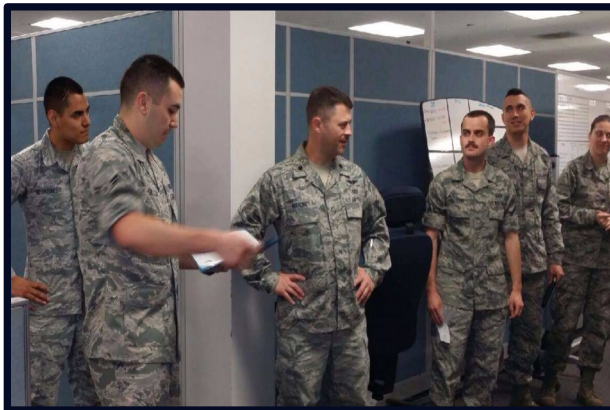
The 502d Comptroller Squadron (502 CPTS) was constituted on 28 July 2009 and activated and assigned to the 502d Air Base Wing (502 ABW) on 30 April 2010 at Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA)-Fort Sam Houston.

In Aug 2009 the wing reactivated at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston to provide installation support to Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA), TX, which encompassed JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland, JBSA-Randolph and JBSA-Camp Bullis and other Department of Defense locations in and around San Antonio.

Prior to 3 December 2013 the 502 ABW had three comptroller squadrons, each at its major locations: the 502 CPTS at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, the 802 JBSA-Lackland, and the 902 CPTS at JBSA-Randolph.

On that date the wing was reorganized in order to more efficiently execute its mission and the 802d and 902d Comptroller Squadrons were inactivated while the 502 CPTS remained and assumed all comptroller functions throughout JBSA under the wing structure.

On 30 September 2021, the 502 CPTS submitted a request to reorganize its squadron. The Organizational Change Request (OCR) relocated the 502 CPTS primary functions from JBSA Fort Sam Houston to JBSA Lackland. The 502 CPTS and its operational locations continue to support the 502 ABW and its mission partners as of 2023.



2013 502 CPTS CMDR Lt Col Ryan Mahoney



2009 502 CPTS Activates



2014 502 CPTS CMDR Lt Col Steven Strain

502 CS

The 502d Communications Squadron (CS) was designated and organized on 1 November 1965 under the 1974th Communications Group as the 1973d Communications Squadron at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, as it supported communications requirements. On 1 May 1972 the squadron moved to Maxwell Air Force Base, reporting to the Southern Communications Area headquarters. Remaining at Maxwell, the unit was reassigned to the Continental Communications Division on 1 June 1981 and directly to Air Force Communications Command on 1 April 1985.

Coinciding with its assignment to Air Force Communications Command, the unit was redesignated the 1973d Information Systems Group. It was then redesignated as the 1973d Communications Group on 1 November 1986. On 1 October 1990, the 1973d Communications Group was reassigned to Air University at Maxwell. Further restructuring led to the redesignation of the 1973d to the 502d Communications Squadron and reassignment to the 502 ABW's 502d Support Group on 1 October 1992. The squadron was inactivated on 1 October 1994 along with the 502 ABW.

The 502 CS was reactivated on 30 April 2010 and assigned to the 502 MSG at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston with the mission of providing communications support to that location. In 2013 the 502 ABW was reorganized and the squadron was reassigned to the newly activated 502 ISG and moved to JBSA-Lackland. In 2017 the 502 CS earned the AETC Maj. Gen. Harold M. McClellan "Best Large Communications Squadron" award, based on superior performance while providing information dominance and cyberspace operations to Big AF and DoD operations. As of 2023, the squadron continues to provide communications support to JBSA and its mission partners.



1965 1973d CS/Udorn RTAFB



2015 SQD CMDR Lt Col Timothy Kneeland



2022 502 CS Cyber TSgt Donovan Dennis

802 SFS

The history of the 802D Security Forces Squadron traces its roots prior to the formation of the USAF. Constituted as the 1102d Guard Squadron on 6 October 1942, and activated on 22 October that same year at Kirtland Field, New Mexico. On 17 November 1942, the squadron relocated to Marfa, Texas (West TX), where it remained until it was disbanded on 30 April 1944. During this period the squadron received the World War II American Theater service streamer.

On 28 July 2009 the squadron was reconstituted and redesignated as the 802d Security Forces Squadron and was reactivated on 31 January 2010, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph and was assigned to the 802d Mission Support Group. When the 502d Air Base Wing reorganized along functional lines versus a location-based structure, the squadron was reassigned to the newly activated 502d Security Forces and Logistics Support Group. In 2013 the 502 ABW was reorganized again, reassigning the 802d SFS to the newly activated 502d Security Forces and Logistics Support Group.

In 2018 another reorganization took place under the 502d Security Forces and Logistics Support Group, which was redesignated as the 502d Security Forces Group (SFG). The 802d Security Forces Squadron located on JBSA Lackland would remain aligned under the SFG. The 802d Security Forces Squadron to date continues to support the 502 ABW, the 502 SFG, and its 266 mission partners throughout JBSA and its military community.



1942 1102d Guard Squadron Marfa TX



2010 802 SFS Activation JBSA



2014 802 SFS Demo with JJ MWD

902 CES

The JBSA 902d Civil Engineer Squadron was constituted as the 902d Air Engineering Squadron on 4 April 1945. Assigned to the US Army Air Corps 484th Air Service Group stationed at Erding AFB Fliegerhorst Germany, where it supported Headquarters US Strategic Air Forces (USSTAF) during D and V-E Day, building airfields and landing strips, and later activated in the Reserves on 24 May 1945 in occupied Germany. The squadron inactivated on 31 December 1945 and disbanded on 8 October 1948.

The squadron was reconstituted and redesignated as the 902d Civil Engineer Squadron on 23 February 2010 and activated on 16 March 2010 at JBSA Randolph, Texas under the 502 Air Base Wing and the 902 Mission Support Group (MSG). On 3 December 2012, the 902 CES was inactivated, due to the 502 ABW reorganization, which occurred in 2013. The restructuring was initiated along functional lines versus a location-based structure.

On 1 September 2018 the 902 CES was again activated at Randolph and on the same day, it was assigned to the newly constituted and activated 502d Civil Engineer Group (CEG) on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston. The intent of the 2018 restructuring was to continue efforts begun in 2013 to simplify and streamline operations and reduce layers of management. According to the wing commander, adding a fourth group, the 502 CEG, made civil engineering more responsive to wing leadership.

While assigned to Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph the 902d Civil Engineer Squadron recently was recognized by the DoD as a recipient of the 2022 DOD Fire and Emergency Services Awards for outstanding accomplishments of its fire departments, fire officers, and firefighters May 22. The 902nd Civil Engineer Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio won for Fire Prevention Program of the Year. As of 2023, the Squadron continues to support the 502 ABW and the 502 CEG.



1945 484th ASG Erding AFB Germany



2023 902 CES Wins 2022 DoD Award



1945 902 ASG Constructing Airfields Germany

502 CONS

The 502d Contracting Squadron was constituted on 1 Sep 1992 and activated on 1 October 1992 at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. That same year then Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Merrill A. McPeak ordered a major re-organization of the Air Force. As part of the re-organization, General McPeak focused on the preservation of the lineage and heritage of the Air Force's most prestigious units. The general also decided that all four-digit units should be redesignated as three-digit units. In October 1992, ATC redesignated the 3800th Air Base Wing as the 502nd Air Base Wing (502 ABW), which consisted of the 502 Contracting Squadron assigned to the 502d Logistics and Operations Group (later 502d Logistics Group), the squadron performed contracting services for Air University and other base agencies on or near Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex. The squadron was inactivated on 1 October 1994, along with the rest of the 502d Air Base Wing.

The squadron would again be reactivated on 30 April 2010 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and assigned to the 502d Mission Support Group. At that time the 502d Contracting Squadron was one of three contracting squadrons within the 502d Air Base Wing. Each was assigned to one of the wing's three major locations: JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Lackland, and JBSA-Randolph, to provide contracting services at its respective location, with the 502d Contracting Squadron providing contracting services for Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. When the 502d Air Base Wing reorganized along functional lines versus a location-based structure, the other two contracting squadrons were inactivated and the 502d Contracting Squadron was reassigned directly to the wing and its staff agency, assuming the contracting mission for the entire Joint Base San Antonio. As of 2023, the 502nd Contracting Squadron continues to support JBSA, 502 ABW and its Mission Partners.



2011 Lt Col Thomas Hoskins 502 CONS CMDR



2010 502 CONS Established



2013 Lt Col Jonathan Wright 502 CONS CMDR

BoTW

The USAF Band of the West has a long lineage in the United States Air Force. The band was created on 24 Sep 1941 and activated on 1 Oct at Moffett Field California (CA), known as Air Force Band. On 25 Mar of 1942 the band was relocated to Santa Ana Army Air Base CA and redesignated as the 39th Army Air Force Band on 10 Aug 1942, and later the 539th Army Band on 21 Dec 1943.

On 26 Feb 1944, the identity of the band would change again as the 539th Army Air Forces Band located on Enid Army Airfield, OK, as early as Aug 1946. Known as the 539th Army Air Forces Band, it would not be until the USAF became its own separate service in Sep 1947, in which the band assumed the name the 539th Air Force Band on 26 Sep 1947.

By this time the band had relocated to the Army Air Force Military Training Center Lackland Air Force Base San Antonio TX, 19 Mar 1947. It would later be inactivated on 8 Aug 1955 and reactivated on 8 Jul 1959. On 1 Oct 1991, the band would be redesignated as the Air Training Command Band and later the Air Education and Training Command (AETC) band on 1 Jul 1993. On 1 October 1994, the band would be renamed the Air Education and Training Command Band of the West.

On 1 May 1997 to the present, the band would assume official status and become the United States Air Force Band of the West, which would be its identifiable signature for the remainder of the 21st Century. In 2010 the BoTW was assigned to JBSA, 502 ABW. Through the years the band would receive many honors and accolades, to name a few in 2011, the USAF Band of the West was awarded its sixth Colonel George S. Howard Citation of Musical Excellence for Military Concert Bands, and countless Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards due to its exemplary contributions to Air Force recruiting and its community relations programs.



1970s BoTW CoSA Concert at the Alamo



1997 Band of the West Established



2015 Fiesta in Blue Concert San Antonio TX

502 OSS

The 502d Operations Support Squadron (OSS) began its support in 1992 at Maxwell Air Force Base Alabama. On 1 October 1992, the newly activated 502d Air Base Wing (ABW) became the host wing, along with the 502d Logistics and Operations Group which consisted of the subordinate squadron of the 502 OSS, which later inactivated in June of 1994. In August 2009, the 502 ABW was again reactivated at JBSA Fort Sam Houston to provide installation support to Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA).

On 31 January 2010, the 502 ABW achieved initial operating capability with the activation of the 802d Mission Support Group (MSG) at JBSA Lackland, along with the 802d Operations Support Squadron (802 OSS), which supported flying operations at JBSA Lackland and the JBSA Kelly Annex. On 3 December 2013, the 802 MSG was inactivated, along with the 802 OSS, and the 502 OSS was activated and assigned to the 502d Installation Support Group (ISG), assuming the mission of the inactivated 802 OSS.

The 502 OSS provides airfield management services, air traffic control, weather forecasting and warning services, operations scheduling, and flight records management. It supports all logistical movement in and out of the JBSA Airfields. As a joint-use airfield, JBSA Kelly Field supports a broad spectrum of both military and civilian operations. Including the 149th Fighter Wing, which trains F-16 Fighting Falcon pilots, and the 433rd Airlift Wing which trains C-5 Galaxy pilots along with a number of other air transport and maintenance services. As of 2023, the 502 OSS continues to support the JBSA 502 ABW and its Mission Partners.



2013 502 OSS JBSA Lackland/Kelly Field



2013 502 OSS Established



2021 F-35 Lightning II JBSA Lackland/Kelly Field

502 LRS

The 502d Logistics Readiness Squadron known as "America's LRS" was constituted on 28 July 2009 and was activated and assigned to the 502d Mission Support Group on 30 April 2010 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland under the Direction of Mr. Clarence J. Anderson the first Commander. During this time the 502d Logistics Readiness Squadron was one of three Logistics Readiness Squadrons within the 502d Air Base Wing.

Each were assigned to one of the wings 's three major locations at Fort Sam Houston, Lackland, and Randolph. On 3 December 2013, the 502d Air Base Wing reorganized along functional lines versus a location-based structure, consolidating the other Logistics Readiness Squadrons, and the 502 LRS, which was at the time under the command of Lt Col Tammy L. McElhaney, reassigning them to the newly activated 502d Security Forces and Logistics Support Group.

Coinciding with its reassignment, the squadron headquarters moved to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, assuming the logistics support mission for the entire Joint Base San Antonio. The squadron was reassigned to the 502d Installation Support Group (ISG) in 2018, where it continues to support JBSA, the wing, and its mission partners. The 502nd LRS remains the largest logistics readiness squadron in the Air Force inventory, providing logistics support to 82,000 personnel at the largest joint base in the Department of Defense, spanning over 88 square miles.



2023 502 Logistic Readiness Squadron



2009 502 LRS Established



1989 Blue Bird All American 28 PAX

502 CES

As the youngest of the Civil Engineering Squadrons the history of the 502d CES began on 15 February 1979, activated as the 3800th CES at Maxwell AFB and Gunter field, under the 3800th Air University Wing. In 1992 the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Merrill A. McPeak ordered a major reorganization of the Air Force.

As part of the re-organization, the general decided that all four-digit MAJCON units should be redesignated as three-digit units. Due to this change, the Air Training Command (ATC) consolidated the history of the 502 ABW with the designated 3800th Air Base Wing on 1 October 1992. The squadron would later be redesignated as the 502d CES the same day.

Although the CES along with the wing had performed the installation support mission on Maxwell for 44 years it would Inactivate on 1 October 1994. Due to BRAC in April 2010, the CES would again be reactivated under the JBSA, 502 ABW, and the 502 MSG, while assigned and located on Fort Sam Houston Texas until 3 December 2013, when the Civil Engineer Squadrons consolidated into one Squadron under the 502 CES and the Installation Support Group (ISG).

In 2018 with the activation of the 502 Civil Engineer Group (CEG), the reconstituted 802 and 902 CES along with the 502 CES would become part of the newly formed 502 CEG, where the 502 CES continues to remain a vital part of Civil Engineer Services, and Real Property Management.



2019 502 CES Civil Engineer Services



2010 502 CES Reactivated



2023 502 CES Wins Team Award

802 CES

The 802d Civil Engineer Squadron was originally constituted as the 802d Installations Squadron on 9 May 1952 and activated on 28 May 1952. It was located at Smoky Hill Army Airfield and later Schilling AFB, Salina Kansas.

The base was known as the Strategic Air Command under the 802d Air Division and the 802d Combat Support Group. As the Engineers of the base, the 802d Installation Squadron conducted small-scale construction and repairs projects and maintenance on runways for B-47s, until it was discontinued on 15 Jun 1960.

On 28 July 2009 the 802d was redesignated as the 802d Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) and activated on 31 Jan 2010 under the JBSA, 502d Air Base Wing (ABW), and the 802d Mission Support Group (MSG), while assigned and located on JBSA Lackland Texas until 3 December 2013, when the Civil Engineer Squadrons consolidated and the 802d CES was once again inactivated.

On 1 Sep 2018 when the 502 Civil Engineer Group (CEG) stood up, the 802d CES was reactivated where it continues to remain a vital part of Civil Engineer services, supporting projects that range from engineer construction, repairs, natural resources, environmental to engineer planning and much more.



1960 Schilling Air Force Base, Salina Kansas



2010 802 CES Activated



2021 802 CES Repairing Base Facilities

902 SFS

The history of the 902d Security Forces Squadron traces its roots prior to the formation of the USAF. Constituted as the 902d Military Police Company (MPC) on 4 July 1942 and activated on 11 July 1942. In 1942 construction on Malmstrom Air Force Base earlier known as Great Falls Army Air Base, opened its gates in Great Falls Montana, under Air Transport Command, Ferrying Division. On November 30, 1942, the first B-17 Flying Fortress landed at Great Falls Army Air Base, which became the northern tier location for heavy bomber training. The 902d MPC secured runways and base perimeters and was later renamed as the 902d Guard Squadron on 1 August 1942. On 31 March 1944, the 902d Guard Squadron was disbanded.

On 28 July 2009, the squadron was reconstituted and redesignated as the 902d Security Forces Squadron and was reactivated on 31 January 2010, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph and was assigned to the 502 ABW and the 902d Mission Support Group. In 2013 the 502d Air Base Wing reorganized along functional lines versus a location-based structure, the squadron was reassigned to the newly activated 502d Security Forces and Logistics Support Group.

In 2018 another reorganization took place under the 502d Security Forces and Logistics Support Group, which was redesignated as the 502d Security Forces Group (SFG). The 902d Security Forces Squadron located on JBSA Randolph would remain aligned under the SFG. The 902d Security Forces Squadron to date continues to support the 502 ABW, the 502 SFG, and its 266 mission partners throughout JBSA and its military community.



2014 902d SFS Conduct Exercise



2010 902d SFS Activated



2023 902d Security Forces Squadron

502 FSS

The history of the 502 Force Support Squadron (FSS), known earlier as the 3800 Services Squadron, which was activated on 1 November 1988 under the governance of the 3800 Air Base Wing that was established in 1948 at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

On 1 October 1992, the 3800 Service Squadron was redesignated as the 502 Moral, Welfare, Recreation, and Services Squadron and later renamed the 502 Services Squadron on 1 January 1994.

On 1 October 1994, the 502 Services Squadron was inactivated along with the 502 Air Base Wing (ABW) and the 502 Support Group (MSG).

On 28 July 2009, the squadron was reconstituted and redesignated the 502 Force Support Squadron (FSS) and activated on 30 April 2010 under the JBSA, 502 ABW and the 502 MSG, Fort Sam Houston Texas.

On 4 December 2013 when the 502 ABW reorganized along functional lines versus a location-based structure, the squadron remained assigned to the newly redesignated 502d Force Support Group (FSG). The 502 Force Support Squadron to date continues to support the 502 ABW, the 502 FSG, and its 266 mission partners throughout JBSA and its military community.



2021 502 FSS Supports the FSH CDC



2010 502 FSS Activated



2022 502 FSS MWR Welcomes BMT

502 TDS

The 502d Trainer Development Squadron (TDS) was constituted and activated on 3 December 2013 and assigned to the 502d Security Forces and Logistics Support Group and the 502 Air Base Wing (ABW), assuming the mission of the Trainer Development Section of the inactivated 902d Mission Support Group.

Prior to 3 December 2013 the 502 ABW consisted of three mission support groups: the 502d, 802d, and the 902d Mission Support Groups. Under the 502 SFLSG the 502 TDS continued its role as a trainer development squadron at JBSA-Randolph designing, developing, fabricating, assembling, repairing, refurbishing, and maintaining training equipment in support of the command-wide AETC training mission.

The 502 TDS mission delivers and maintains information technology (IT) based simulation and training systems for its customers. Functioning as a Government Owned Government Operated (GOGO) organization. The 502 TDS responds to internal and external Department of Defense (DoD) customers to meet their requirements in support of Technical/Operational Qualification and Continuation Training.

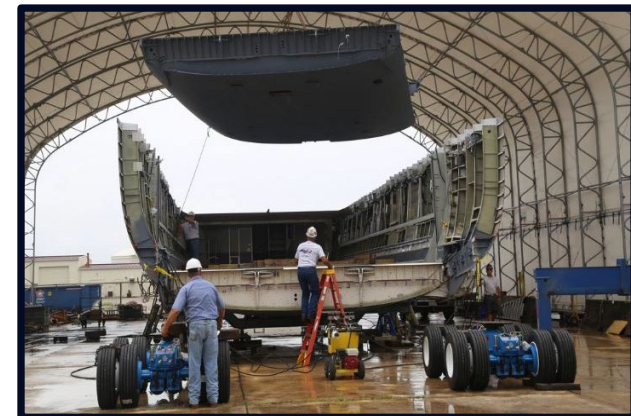
In 2018 another reorganization occurred, and the 502 TDS would be reassigned to the 502d Installation Support Group (ISG), where it continues to support JBSA, the wing, and its mission partners at JBSA Randolph.



502 TDS & Gen Rand AETC 2015



502 TDS Established in 2013



502 TDS Trainer Fuselage C-17 June 2015

502 SFS

The 502d Security Forces Squadron was designated and organized as the 3800th Air Police Squadron on 1 October, 1965, at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, providing installation security. The squadron was redesignated as the 502d Security Police Squadron on 1 October 1992.

On 1 October, 1994 the squadron inactivated as part of an overall mission reassignment from the 502d Air Base Wing to the 42d Air Base Wing.

While at Maxwell, the squadron earned the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the periods of 1 January 1965-31 December 1966 and 1 June 1992-30 May 1994. While inactive, the squadron was redesignated as the 502d Security Forces Squadron on 28 July 2009.

The 502d Security Forces Squadron was reactivated on 30 April, 2010, at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston and assigned to the 502d Mission Support Group.

When the 502d Air Base Wing reorganized along functional lines versus a location-based structure, the 502d Security Forces Squadron was reassigned to the newly activated 502d Security Forces and Logistics Support Group, and later redesignated the 502d Security Forces Group. where the squadron continues to support the SFG, JBSA, 502 ABW, and its mission partners at JBSA FSH.



2015 502 SFS Conduct Exercise & Trng



2010 502 SFS Established



2024 502 SFS Ground Breaking MWD FSH

802 FSS

The 802d Force Support Squadron (FSS) was constituted as the 802d Food Service Squadron on 9 May 1952 and activated on 28 May that year. The squadron was assigned to the 802d Air Base Group, later redesignated as the 802d Combat Support Group, at Smokey Hill AFB, Kansas (renamed Schilling AFB in 1957). Two years later, the squadron was discontinued on 15 June 1960. While inactive, the squadron was redesignated twice, as the 802d Services Squadron on 10 October 1984 and again on 28 July 2009 as the 802d Force Support Squadron (FSS).

On 31 January 2010, the 802 FSS was reactivated at JBSA Lackland under the 502d Air Base Wing and assigned to the 802d Mission Support Group. On 3 December 2013, the 502d Air Base Wing reorganized along functional lines versus a location-based structure on 3 December 2013. The squadron was reassigned to the formerly designated 502d Mission Support Group, which was redesignated as the 502d Force Support Group on that same date.

The 802 FSS's mission is to develop and maintain fitness, lodging, mortuary, ID Cards, mobility, childcare, and recreational facilities and programs that contribute to readiness and fostering unit and community cohesion while improving the quality of life for military members, and their families. The 802 FSS continues to perform its support functions, the 502 FSG, JBSA, 502 ABW, and its 266 Mission Partners.



2014 802 FSS Supports Randolph Elementary



2010 802 FSS Activated



2024 802 FSS Host Retiree Apprec Day