

Civil Engineers in Maine for Annual Tour

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The 908th Civil Engineer Squadron, a total of 19 airmen, traveled from Maxwell to Camp Hinds Boy Scout Camp in Raymond, Maine. The 908th Civil Engineers' primary mission was to work with teams from the Air National Guard, Navy Seabees and Marine Corps Reserve Engineers to construct a 10,000 square-foot dining facility for the scouts to use.

The squadron flew to Portland, Maine, aboard one of the 908th Airlift Wing's C-130s. Upon arrival, it was a short 45-minute drive to Camp Hinds, where members were assigned tents and settled in for the night.

The first workday started with breakfast from the field kitchen followed by a brief overview of the history of Camp Hinds. The Boy Scout Camp Ranger introduced his staff and reviewed the rules for the camp. The work was then split up among the 75 members, and crews were assigned to begin

the rotation's contribution to completing the dining facility. As the third team in, there were plenty of opportunities for hands-on training in almost all specialties within the CE career field.

During the tour, engineers straightened and plumbed all four exterior walls, built and installed two 60-foot gabled ends, installed 13 60-foot-long trusses, and laid down the entire roof of two-by-six tongue and groove pine, followed by three-quarter inch oriented strand board. In addition, the basement walls were laid out and constructed, the grease trap lines were installed and buried, and the septic tanks were installed. Work was also completed on the old dining facility to keep it serviceable and the medical facility was overhauled. There was also time for training on heavy equipment including dump trucks, Bobcat loaders and a water truck.

At the end of the two weeks the squadron wrapped up their tour with a barbecue paid for and cooked by the 908th senior noncommissioned officers. Outstanding performers were identified during this time: Outstanding Airman, Senior Airman Shanteya Leverette-Wilson, Outstanding NCO, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Gafford, and Favorite duration staff member, Master Sgt. Cyr from the Maine ANG.

The duration staff OIC Capt. Wolff, coined Senior Airman Sarah Shea for her hard work and dedication throughout the project. As the tour ended, the team packed up and drove back to Portland where a 908th aircraft and crew was waiting to bring them home.



Senior Airman Sarah Shea, 908th Civil Engineer Squadron, caulks a shower at Boy Scout Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine, where part of the squadron spent their annual tour.



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