

3280 TECHNICAL TRAINING GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

3280 Technical Training Group

STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX, 30 Apr 1976

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Col. Melvin G. Grover assumed command of the 3280th Technical Training Group—the Security Police Academy—from Lt. Col. Robert A. Barlow on 18 July

The 3280th Technical Training Group performed a vital function in the training of security and police forces for the Department of Defense and other federal agencies. The courses offered by the Security Police Academy ranged from basic specialist curricula, designed for initial job training

for recruits entering the security and police fields to advanced courses in military working dogs (MWDs), base and installation security systems, tactics for emergency service teams, as well as courses for officers and senior noncommissioned officers in security and police specialties. As well as training in small arms for the combat arms specialist career field and in a variety of weapons for both security police students and combat arms personnel.

Air Base Ground Defense Training. Following their initial classroom training at Lackland AFB, security specialist students travelled to Fort Dix, New Jersey to complete the field portion of the training program. The 3280 TCHTG had previously conducted this training at Camp Bullis in northern San Antonio, Texas. In July 1987, HQ ATC organized and activated the 3287th Technical Training Squadron at Fort Dix to conduct this phase of security specialist training and air base ground defense training in conjunction with the U.S. Army. This shift in responsibility for ground combat skills training resulted from agreements between the USAF and USA on responsibilities for the ground defense of Air Force bases and installations (reached in April 1985) and on the initial and sustainment training of Air Force personnel in ground combat skills (reached in June 1985)

All security policemen (SPs) obtained their specialty training in the United States Air Force Security Police Academy (SPA), a named activity performed by the 3280th Technical Training Group (TCHTG) at Lackland. Exceptions were security specialists who went to the 3287th Technical Training Squadron (TCHTS) at Fort Dix, New Jersey, where United States Army instructors provided a portion of their air base ground defense (ABGD) training. The military training center also conducted cryptographic equipment maintenance and repair, recruiting, social actions, and small arms marksmanship training.