

3415 TECHNICAL TRAINING WING

MISSION

LINEAGE

3415 Technical Training Wing

STATIONS

Lowry AFB, CO, 30 Mar 1955-12 Jan 1956

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Brig Gen John T. Sprague, #1953

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Training Command inactivated the USAF School of Applied Aerospace Sciences at each of its technical training centers and activated numbered technical training wings in their place on 1 April 1977. These included the 3250th Technical Training Wing at Lackland, the 3300th at Keesler, the 3330th at Chanute, the 3400th at Lowry, and the 3700th at Sheppard. Several months later Air Training Command published a second order that inactivated the wings

effective 1 January 1978, based on realignment actions proposed by the Cadou study. (These wings were again activated in November 1979.

Technical Training Center Reorganization. In an effort to standardize organization and save manpower, Air Training Command implemented a reorganization of all technical training centers on 4 January 1971. The command aligned comptroller, civil engineering, personnel, administrative, and band functions under the air base group and designated the air base group commander as base commander. Additionally, the command did away with the commandant of troops position at each of the technical training wings. In place of the wing staff position, on 1 March 1971, Air Training Command activated numbered student groups at each of the centers to manage the troops.

Concerned that the size of each of the technical training bases was more than a single commander could successfully manage, in late 1958 General Smith asked Headquarters USAF for permission to redesignate the technical training wings as training centers. Headquarters USAF approved the request. Effective 1 January 1959, ATC renamed its military training wing and all five of its technical training wings. The 3700th Military Training Wing became the Lackland Military Training Center; while the 3320th Technical Training Wing was redesignated as Amarillo Technical Training Center; the 3345th, Chanute Technical Training Center; the 3380th, Keesler Technical Training Center; the 3415th, Lowry Technical Training Center; and the 3750th, Sheppard Technical Training Center.

In the post-war period, Lowry continued as a technical training facility operated by the 3415th Technical Training Wing. In 1951, the wing introduced a Guided Missiles Department that featured courses in guidance, control, and propulsion for such missile systems as Matador, Falcon, Rascal, Snark, and Navaho.

The Lowry Technical Training Center was established in 1959. The base was unique as it remained under Air Training Command jurisdiction during a period when SAC deployed eighteen Titan I missiles to the base. By 1962, the Guided Missiles Department (now renamed the Department of Missile Training) provided the Air Force 1,000 trained missile specialists per year.

In 1972, the 3415th Technical School became the USAF School of Applied Aerospace Sciences. Missile training continued within the Department of Aerospace Munitions Training. In 1980, Lowry Technical Training Center acquired a B-52D from Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, and stabilized another B-52 on base for use in Air-Launched Cruise Missile training. Lowry also supported maintenance and repair training for the Peacekeeper strategic missile. Lowry closed in 1994.

Objective Centers Established. Air Training Command converted its newly renamed training centers to the objective wing structure on 1 February, a step it had already taken at the flying training wings in December 1991. At the flying training wings, that meant the command abandoned the tri-deputy structure (with Deputy Commanders for Operations, Maintenance,

and Resource Management and a combat support group commander) in favor of a group-oriented wing with an operations group and a support group. A similar situation existed at the training centers where the technical training wing, Deputy Commander for Resource Management, air base group, and clinic/hospital were replaced by a technical training group, a logistics group, a support group, and a medical group. 1992

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