

3511 COMBAT CREW TRAINING GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Randolph AFB, TX, 1950

Randolph AFB, TX, 1 Jun 1956-2 Jan 1957

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Randolph Air Force Base This base continued as an Air Training Command activity after the war. In addition to training instructors, Randolph provided primary and basic flight training. In 1948, primary flight training mission ceased and the 3510th Pilot Training Wing operated the base and its

basic flight school.

Basic pilot training ceased in July 1951. With the outbreak of the Korean War, the 3511th Combat Crew Training Group conducted B-29 crew training from 1950 through 1956. B-29 pilot training arrived here in 1953. The 3510th became a Medium Bombardment Training Wing. Housing and other facilities were expanded to support the additional training.

Facilities were modified in 1954-1956 to support C-119 and T-33 pilot training. T-33/B-57 instructor and transition training was conducted from September 1954 to October 1955. Helicopter pilot training arrived from Gary AFB in mid-1956 and remained for two years. KC-97 crew training also was conducted from 1956 to 1958. The ATC Headquarters arrived from Scott AFB, Illinois, in 1957. With jet qualification training becoming a primary mission, an extensive runway rehabilitation project was completed in 1959.

First Air Force T-38 operations began in 1961. The USAF Military Personnel Center arrived in 1963. Headquarters USAF Recruiting Service arrived in 1965. An undergraduate pilot training program was established in 1967.

Pilot instructor training programs commenced for the T-37 and T-38 in 1971. A year later the Air Force discontinued the 3510th Flying Training Wing and replaced it with the 12th. The Wing had claimed fame in Vietnam and the Air Force desired to maintain its lineage. The Wing provided pilot requalification training to former prisoners of war. Improvements continued in the late 1970s with the installations of an underground aircraft support system and an instrument flight simulator. Throughout the 1980s, the sole mission of the 12th Flying Training Wing was instructor pilot training. With the end of the Cold War, Randolph assumed missions that had been performed at installations slated for closure.

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