

3525 PILOT TRAINING WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

3525 Pilot Training Wing (Basic, Single-Engine)
3525 Combat Crew Training Wing
3525 Pilot Training Wing
3525 Flying Training Wing
Inactivated, 1 Feb 1973

STATIONS

Williams AFB, AZ

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Robert L. Scott, #1949
Col James D. Mayden
Col George S. Brown, 20 Jul 1953
Col William C. Lindley, Jr.

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

Williams AFB, Arizona. On 1 October Tactical Air Command transferred Williams AFB to ATC. This Arizona base would become part of ATC's new consolidated pilot training program. On the same date, Tactical Air Command reassigned its 4530th Combat Crew Training Wing (Tactical Fighter) and subordinate units at Williams to Air Training Command, and ATC discontinued the wing. Concurrently, Air Training Command used assets from the 4530th to organize and establish the 3525th Pilot Training Wing.

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By 1949, the base was operated by the 3525th Pilot Training Wing as an advanced single-engine school. Shortages of experienced instructors contributed to a high accident rate.

During the Korean War, the 3525th Pilot Training Wing continued operating the base as a basic single-engine flight school. Fighter-gunnery school was added in 1953—1954 as Williams assumed a crew training mission.

In 1960, after a brief period during the late 1950s when TAG assumed control of the base to conduct crew training, ATC again took command of the base. The 3525th was reorganized to run the base as part of ATC's consolidated pilot training program. The base served exclusively as an undergraduate pilot training site from 1961 to 1993. A flight simulator complex was opened in 1976. In 1979, the 82nd Flying Training Wing operated the base and flight schools. Williams closed in 1993.

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On 8 January 1956, ATC discontinued the single engine basic pilot school at Williams and replaced it with an advanced fighter school. (Williams had transferred its single-engine training responsibilities to Laughlin in September 1955.) Providing the training was the 3525th Combat Crew Training Wing (Fighter). On the first of the following month, ATC relieved Williams from assignment to Flying Training Air Force and assigned it to Crew Training Air Force.

The first T-33A assigned to the Air Training Command was 48-359 that was delivered to the 3525th Pilot Training Wing at Williams AFB, Arizona, on September 3, 1948. And then its history begins to become muddled, for it is then listed as being destroyed in an accident at McClelland AFB, California, on September 24, 1949, as well as being destroyed at Williams on November 17

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