

# **3585 FLYING TRAINING WING**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

3585 Flying Training Wing

## **STATIONS**

Gary AFB, TX

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

H-19

H-13

H-21

L-19

## **COMMANDERS**

Col Edward J. Hale, #1955

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Edward Gary AFB, Texas. The command inactivated Edward Gary AFB on 14 December 1956. Earlier ATC had discontinued the 3585th Flying Training Wing (Liaison-Helicopter). For several

years the Edward Gary AFB had served as a helicopter training school for Air Force and Army personnel. When the Defense Department announced in early 1956 that the Army would resume its own aviation instruction, ATC moved its helicopter training to other bases. Then for a short period of time late in the year, an Army contractor used base facilities until Air Training Command closed the installation.

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Helicopter and Liaison Pilot Training Effective 15 January 1951, ATC returned San Marcos AFB, Texas, to active status so that helicopter and liaison aircraft training could be moved from James Connally. The availability of several small auxiliary airfields and the hilly, rough terrain of the San Marcos area (approximating that of Korea) precipitated the change. In addition to the course moves from James Connally, the helicopter and liaison aircraft mechanics courses transferred from Sheppard to San Marcos to make room for F-80 and F-89 training. Most of the training offered in this program went to Army pilots. On 1 February 1951, ATC designated and assigned the 3585th Pilot Training Wing (Liaison-Helicopter) to San Marcos.

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