

3615 FLYING TRAINING WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

3615 Pilot Training Wing
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Inactivated 1 Jul 1972

STATIONS

Craig AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

T-33
T-37

COMMANDERS

Col Richard L. Ault
BG McCarthy
Col Leo F. Dusard, #1959

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



MOTTO

OPERATIONS

While training at the contract schools ended in December 1960, Air Training Command did not stop operation of the training units until early 1961. Effective 16 January, ATC discontinued the 3306th Pilot Training Group at Bainbridge, and on 1 February the other four groups-the 3300th at Graham, the 3301st at Moore, the 3302d at Spence, and the 3303d at Bartow ceased to exist. The command had intended to shut all five bases by March, but an Air Force-imposed freeze on shipping property delayed closure. Finally, ATC released control of Bainbridge and Spence on 31 March, Bartow on 19 May, and Graham on 31 August. Moore Air Base remained on inactive status until 15 July 1963, when part of the installation was sold to private concerns and the rest transferred to the Department of Agriculture.

During 1952 ATC redesignated a number of its wings, as it reorganized its flying program under the Flying Training and Crew Training Air Forces. Previous Designation New Designation Date Changed 3615th PTW (Adv S-E) 3615th PTW (Basic S-E) 27 Jun 52

On 5 January 1961, ATC redesignated five of its pilot training wings-the 3500, 3560, 3575, 3615, and 3640-by dropping the parenthetical notation (Basic). In addition, the 3550th Flying Training Wing (Advanced Interceptor) also underwent a name change, becoming the 3550th Pilot Training Wing.

Effective 1 September, Air University handed control of Craig AFB to ATC along with the 3840th Air University Wing. On the same day, ATC discontinued the 3840th and established the 3615th Pilot Training Wing. The advanced single-engine pilot training mission transferred from Nellis to Craig, which also gained pilot instructor training from Randolph. With these moves, Nellis and Randolph assumed new training missions: fighter-bomber training at Nellis and B-29 combat crew instruction at Randolph. (Instructor training began at Craig on 1 September, and pilot training started on 1 November. Nellis established its USAF Air Crew School (Fighter) on 14 November. Randolph had initiated B-29 training on 7 August.)

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Sources

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