

3635 FLYING TRAINING WING (ADVANCED)

MISSION

LINEAGE

3635 Combat Crew Training Wing (Survival)

Activated 15 Jul 1958

Redesignated 3635 Flying Training Wing (Advanced)

Discontinued 15 Jun 1966

STATIONS

Stead AFB, NV

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col A.G. Evanoff, #1959

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

In 1952 it was determined that the Sierra Nevada mountains and forests would be suitable for survival training and the USAF Survival School moved here from Fort Carson, Colorado. In September 1954, Stead AFB became part of the Air Training Command and the 3635th Combat Crew Training Wing (Survival) was activated.

In January 1958, a small group of instructor pilots from Randolph AFB, Texas, were sent to Stead AFB to determine the feasibility of advanced helicopter training in the area's mountains. On July 15, 1958, the 3635th Crew Training Wing was re-designated the 3635th Flying Training Wing (Advanced) concurrent with the relocation of the USAF Helicopter Pilot School at Stead.

On 1 July 1958, helicopter pilot training moved from Randolph to Stead. In all, 255 officers and airmen transferred. To accommodate the addition of the helicopter training mission to that of survival training already at Stead, ATC redesignated the 3635th Combat Crew Training Wing (Survival) as the 3635th Flying Training Wing (Advanced) on 15 July 1958. Under the wing, ATC assigned the 3636th Combat Crew Training Squadron (Survival) the survival indoctrination mission and the 3638th Flying Training Squadron (Helicopter) would conduct rotary-wing instruction.⁴¹

3635th Combat Crew Training Wing Effective 1 September 1954, SAC transferred the 3904th Composite Wing at Stead AFB, Nevada, to ATC. On that same date, ATC discontinued the 3904th and established the 3635th Combat Crew Training Wing (Survival) and assigned it to Crew Training Air Force.

At the direction of the Department of the Air Force, ATC inactivated Stead AFB, Nevada, and its 3635th Flying Training Wing (Advanced) on 15 June 1966. Stead's helicopter pilot training unit, the 3638th Flying Training Squadron (Helicopter) was discontinued on 1 April, and the 3637th Combat Crew Training Squadron (Survival and Special Training) ceased to exist on 1 June. Helicopter training moved to Sheppard AFB in Texas, and survival training transferred to Fairchild AFB in Washington. Activated on 1 March 1966 to assume survival training at Fairchild was the 3636th Combat Crew Training Group (Survival). The group reported directly to HQ ATC.

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Sources

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