

3700 AIR BASE GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

3700 Air Base Group

STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX, 26 Aug 1948

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Robert J. Milne

Col Bruce W. Sharer, 22 Jan 1988

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

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Lackland AFB and its training annex occupied over 6,700 acres on the southwest side of the San Antonio metroplex. On this installation, one of the largest in the Air Force, worked and played nearly 23,000 personnel. While many of these people supported the various training missions of the installation and its major line organizations, a large number of others supported the wide variety of activities needed to keep the training functions working. These included the people of the 3700th Air Base Group, the installation's primary mission support unit. Units subordinate to the Air Base Group included civil engineers, services, security police, and a variety of recreational functions.

3700th Air Base Group (MAJCON) (26 Aug 48 - Present)

Assigned to

Air Force Military Training Center [formerly 3700th Air Force Indoctrination Wing, 28 Oct 49-5 Jan 53; 3700th Military Training Wing, 6 Jan 53-31 Dec 58; Lackland Military Training Center, 1 Jan 59-31 Dec 72] (1 Jan 73 - Present)

3700th Basic Training Wing (26 Aug 48 - 21 Apr 49) Air Training Command (22 Apr 49 - 27 Oct 49)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (DAF SO GB-433, 1969)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (DAF SO GB-884, 9 Nov 76)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (DAF SO GB-381, 16 May 88)

3700 ABG is authorized the use of the AFMTC emblem.

Colonel Bruce W. Sharer (22 Jan 88 - Present)

Roy T. Wright (26 Aug 48 - 31 Mar 51) .
Robert C Hopsak (1 Apr 51 - 30 Mar 52)
Lloyd C. Dean (1 Apr 52 - c. Jun 55)
Samuel H McKinnon (c. Jun 55 - Oct 58)
Wilson H Banks (Oct 58 - 31 Jul 61)
Harold A Pruitt (1 Aug 61-1 Jun 64)
Henry S. Tyler (2 Jun 64 - 31 Jan 68)
George L Hannah, Jr. (1 Feb 68 - 30 Nov
William R. Evans (1 Dec 70 - 30 Jan 73)
Leon W McCrary (31 Jan 73 - 30 Jun 74)
Paul S Cleland (1 Jul 74 - 17 Nov 74)
Samuel Sifers (18 Nov 74 - 12 May 77)
Edward Bulka (13 May 77 - 18 Jun 79)
Walter Ford (19 Jun 79-8 Dec 80)
Hector Cuellar (9 Dec 80 - 13 May 82)
Daniel Baumgartner (14 May 82
James McIntyre (29 Jun 84-1 Aug 85)
James T. Jones (2 Aug 85-7 Aug 86)
Robert J Milne (8 Aug 86 - 21 Jan 88)

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The 3700 ABG received notification of its selection for the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the period 86 - 31 Dec 87.

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Colonel Bruce W. Sharer (22 Jan 1988)

Colonel Robert J. Milne

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Sources

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