

# 70<sup>th</sup> AAF FLYING TRAINING DETACHMENT (PRIMARY)

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

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## STATIONS

Lafayette, LA

## ASSIGNMENTS

## WEAPON SYSTEMS

PT-19



PT-19



PT-19s

#### **COMMANDERS**

Cpt Charles B. Paxson

#### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

**EMBLEM**

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Lafayette Field, the home of the 70th AAFSTD, was formerly the Municipal Airport of Lafayette, Louisiana, and had long been a CAA intermediate field because it was on the light line between New Orleans and the West Coast.

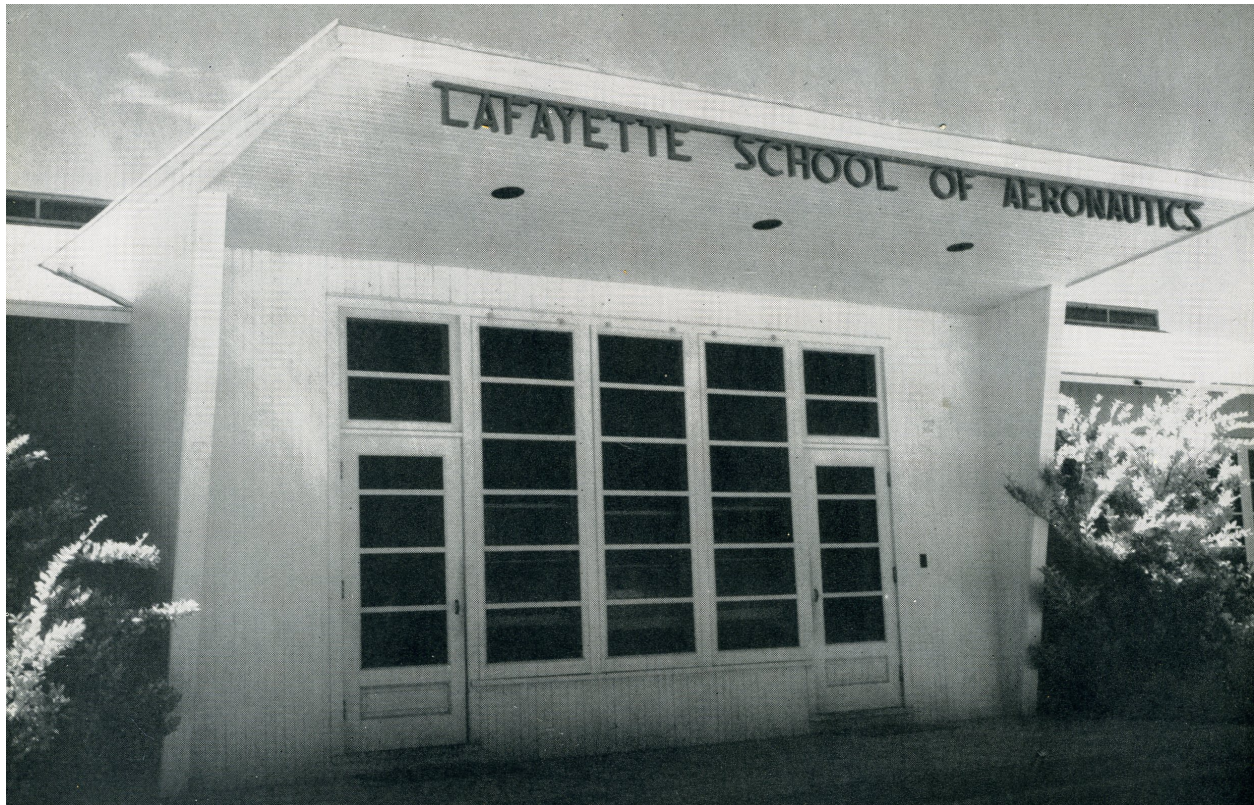
The decision of the government to build a school here brought about an expansion of the field. For three months prior to the activation of the school contractors were busily at work enlarging runways, landing areas, building hangers, administration buildings and barracks.

The new school did far more than double the size of the existing field. At an expenditure of \$500,000 many additional runways were constructed, and the field made as up to date as possible.

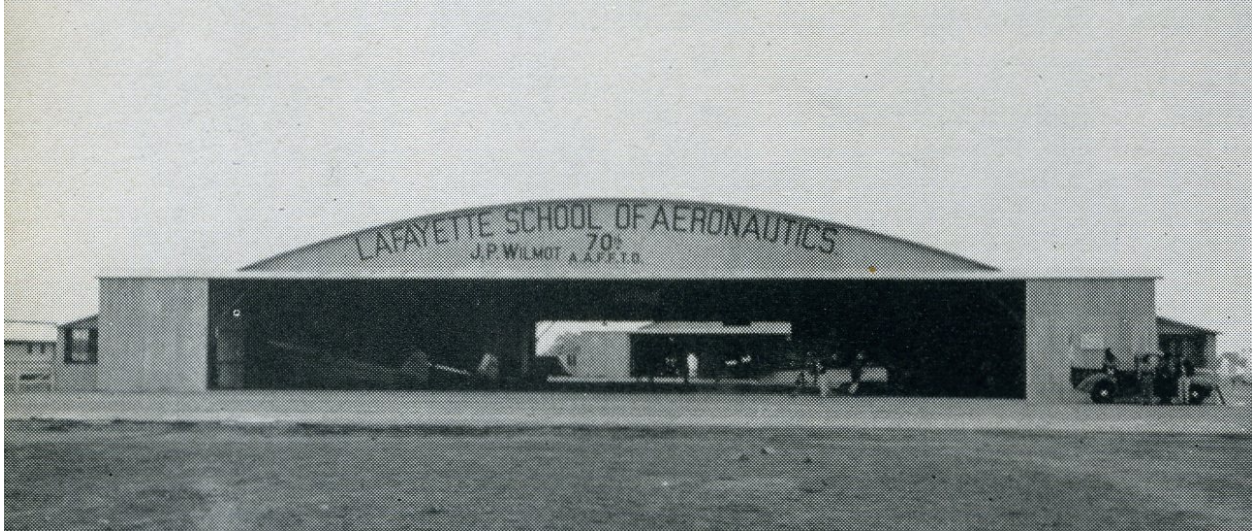
The 70th AAFFTD was activated on June 1, 1942, and the class of 43-A arrived on July 6, 1942. The new class found itself amidst the construction still going on, but successive classes have found continued improvement in the field as it has grown.

The Lafayette School of Aeronautics, operators of the field, is owned by James P. Wilmot and Ray Hylan, each of whom operated flying services in Rochester, New York.

With its present facilities, and its expanding personnel, Lafayette expects to take its place among the other leading fields in the training of primary flyers for our expanding Air Forces.



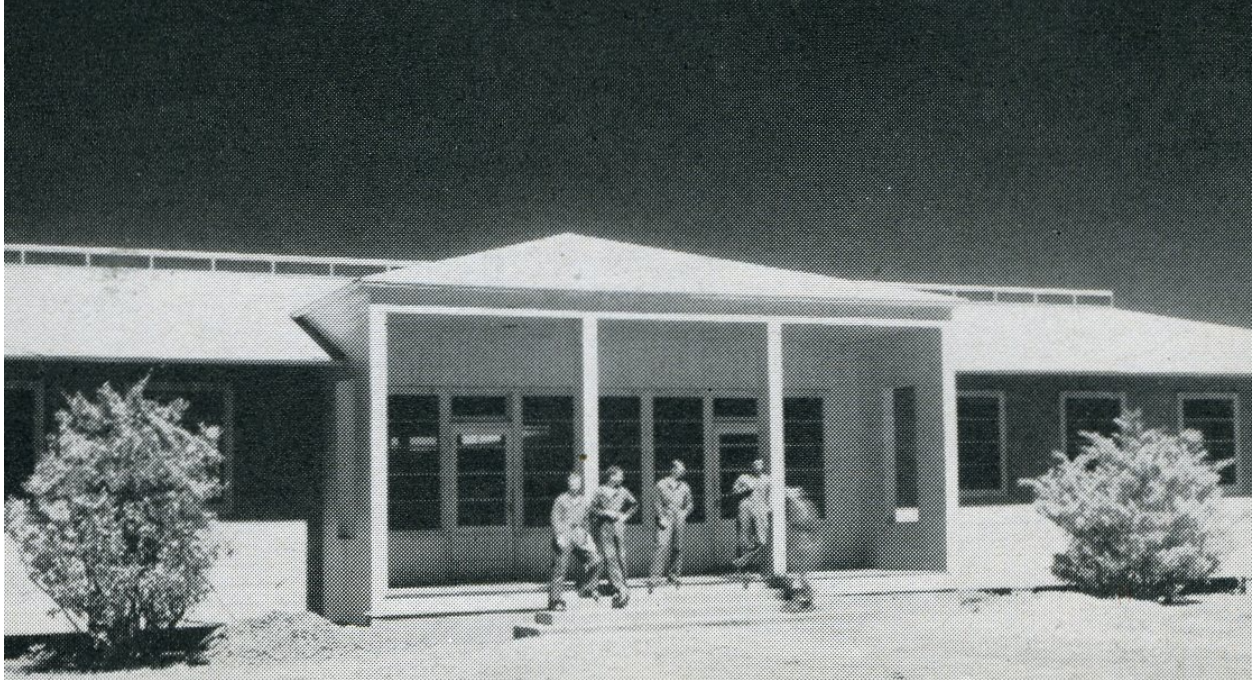
Administration building



Aircraft hangar



Control tower



Recreation center and mess hall



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