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## LINEAGE

Air Service School authorized by the War Department on 25 Feb 1920 Established, 1920

Redesignated Air Service Field Officers' School, 10 Feb 1921 Redesignated Air Service Tactical School, 8 Nov 1922 Redesignated Air Corps Tactical School, 18 Aug 1926 Discontinued, 9 Oct 1942

Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics established, 16 Oct 1943 Activated, 1 Nov 1943

Air Corps Tactical School and Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics consolidated, 26 Apr

1944. Consolidated unit designated Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics

Redesignated Army Air Forces School, 1 Jun 1945 Redesignated Air University, 12 Mar 1946, as a major command Lost major command status, 1 Jul 1978 Regained major command status, 1 Jul 1983 Lost major command status, 1 Jul 1993

# STATIONS

Langley Field, VA, 1920 Maxwell Field, AL, 15 Jul 1931-9 Oct 1942 Orlando, FL, 1 Nov 1943 Maxwell Field (later, Maxwell AFB), AL, 29 Nov 1945

# ASSIGNMENTS

Army Air Forces, 1920-9 Oct 1942 Army Air Forces Tactical Center (later, Army Air Forces Center), 1 Nov 1943 Army Air Forces, 29 Nov 1945 United States Air Force, 18 Sep 1947 Air Training Command, 15 May 1978 United States Air Force, 1 Jul 1983 Air Education and Training Command, 1 Jul 1993

## COMMANDERS

Maj Gen Muir S. Fairchild, 6 Feb 1946 Maj Gen Robert W. Harper, 17 May 1948 Gen George C. Kenney, 1 Nov 1948 Lt Gen Idwal H. Edwards, 1 Aug 1951 Lt Gen Laurence S. Kuter, 15 Apr 1953 Lt Gen Dean G. Strother, 14 May 1955 Lt Gen Walter E. Todd, 25 Aug 1958 Lt Gen Troup Miller, Jr., 1 Aug 1961 Lt Gen Ralph Swofford, Jr., 1 Jan 1964 Lt Gen John W. Carpenter III, 1 Aug 1965 Lt Gen Albert P. Clark, 1 Aug 1968 Lt Gen Alvan C. Gillem II, 1 Aug 1970 Lt Gen Felix M. Rogers, 1 Nov 1973 Lt Gen Raymond B. Furlong, 15 Aug 1975 Lt Gen Stanley M. Umstead, Jr., 1 Jul 1979 Lt Gen Charles G. Cleveland, 1 Aug 1981 Lt Gen Thomas C. Richards, 1 Aug 1984 Lt Gen Truman Spangrud, 6 Nov 1986 Lt Gen Ralph E. Havens, 12 Jul 1988 Maj Gen David C. Reed, 7 Oct 1989

Lt Gen Charles G. Boyd, 4 Jan 1990 Lt Gen Jay W. Kelley, 29 Oct 1992 Lt Gen Joseph R. Redden, 1 Oct 1996 Lt Gen Lance W. Lord, 22 Jun 1999 Lt Gen Donald A. Lamontagne, 8 May 2001 Lt Gen John R. Regni, 8 Jul 2004 Lt Gen Stephen R. Lorenz, 12 Oct 2005 Lt Gen Allen G. Peck, 16 Jun 2008 Lt Gen David S. Fadok, 12 Aug 2011 Lt Gen Steven Kwast, 2014

### HONORS

Service Streamers World War II American Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### Decorations

Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards 1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1988 1 Jul 1990-30 Jun 1992 1 Jul 1992-30 Jun 1993 1 Jul 1993-30 Jun 1995 18 Mar 1997-30 Jun 1998 1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000 1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2002 1 Jul 2002- 30 Jun 2004 1 Jul 2004-30 Jun 2006 1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2008

#### EMBLEM

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### ΜΟΤΤΟ

## **OPERATION**

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