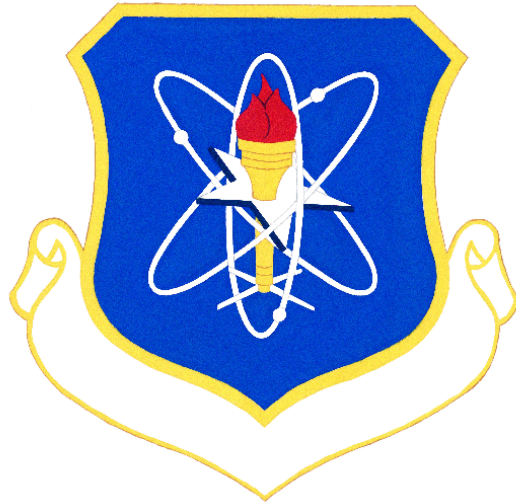


KEESLER TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER



MISSION

LINEAGE

Keesler Technical Training Center

STATIONS

Keelser AFB, MS

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj Gen John R. Sutherland, 1 Jan 1959
Maj Gen John S. Hardy, 12 Jul 1960
Maj Gen Romulus W. Puryear, 27 Jul 1964
Maj Gen James C. McGehee, 1 Aug 1967
Maj Gen Thomas E. Moore, 1 Aug 1969
Maj Gen Frank M. Madsen, Jr., 29 Nov 1969
Maj Gen Bryan M. Shotts, 26 Feb 1973
Maj Gen Winfield W. Scott, Jr., 1 Aug 1975
Maj Gen John S. Pustay, 29 Jul 1977
Maj Gen Don H. Payne, 24 May 1979
Maj Gen Thomas C. Richards, 8 May 1982
Maj Gen Thomas J. Hickey, 26 Sep 1983
Maj Gen James G. Jones, 18 Aug 1986
Maj Gen Paul A. Harvey, 22 Jun 1988
Brig Gen Paul E. Stein, 30 Aug 1991

Maj Gen John C. Griffith, 30 Apr 1992

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Technical Training Bases Reorganized. Concerned that the size of each of the technical training bases was more than a single commander could successfully manage, in late 1958 General Smith asked Headquarters USAF for permission to redesignate the technical training wings as training centers. Headquarters USAF approved the request. Effective 1 January 1959, ATC renamed its military training wing and all five of its technical training wings. The 3700th Military Training Wing became the Lackland Military Training Center; while the 3320th Technical Training Wing was redesignated as Amarillo Technical Training Center; the 3345th, Chanute Technical Training Center; the 3380th, Keesler Technical Training Center; the 3415th, Lowry Technical Training Center; and the 3750th, Sheppard Technical Training Center.

Since August 1948, the 3380th Technical Training Wing had controlled all base activities. Under it were four subordinate units: the 3380th Technical Training Group, which operated the school; the 3380th Maintenance and Supply Group; the 3380th Air Base Group; and the 3380th Medical Group. In 1955, a fifth group was added—the 3380th Installations Group. That arrangement continued until 1 January 1959, when Air Training Command redesignated the wing as Headquarters, Keesler Technical Training Center (KTTC). At the same time, the training group was redesignated the 3380th Technical School, USAF, and all of its subordinate student squadrons were renamed school squadrons.

On 1 August 1972, ATC changed the name to the School of Military Sciences, Officer. This coincided with a similar name change for the Basic Military Training School at Lackland to the School of Military Sciences, Airman and the renaming of the schools at the technical training centers to School of Applied Aerospace Sciences. The idea behind these changes was to raise the prestige of the schools in the eyes of the civilian academic community. At that time, the Community College of the Air Force was seeking accreditation for a wide variety of courses. However, the name changes proved more confusing than helpful, and ATC reverted to the original designations on 8 April 1974.

Training Command inactivated the USAF School of Applied Aerospace Sciences at each of its technical training centers and activated numbered technical training wings in their place on 1 April 1977. These included the 3250th Technical Training Wing at Lackland, the 3300th at Keesler, the 3330th at Chanute, the 3400th at Lowry, and the 3700th at Sheppard. Several months later Air Training Command published a second order that inactivated the wings effective 1 January 1978, based on realignment actions proposed by the Cadou study. (These wings were again activated in November 1979.) 1977

1 Jan 1978 The USAF Technical Training School, Keesler, transferred from the 3300th Technical Training Wing to Keesler Technical Training Center.

1 Nov 1979 Air Training Command designated and activated the 3300th Technical Training Wing. Air Training Command reassigned the USAF Technical Training School, Keesler, from Keesler Technical Training Center to the 3300th Technical Training Wing.

14 Feb 1992 Air Training Command (ATC) redesignated the technical training center as Keesler Training Center, the 3300th Technical Training Wing became a group, and all technical training groups became squadrons. At the same time, Air Training Command inactivated the 3305th Student Group and its subordinate units. Also in line with this reorganization, the command redesignated the Keesler Technical Training Center Medical Center as the Keesler Medical Center.

In February 1992, Air Training Command redesignated the base's host unit as Keesler Training Center (KTC). The 3300th Technical Training Wing downsized and became a group, and its component technical training groups became squadrons. The 3305th Student Group also inactivated along with its subordinate squadrons. In mid-September all of the 3380th numbered units assumed the 393d designation, as the base further realigned itself to conform to the Air Force's objective wing structure. In addition, the technical training group assumed the 393d designation and its nine technical training and training support squadrons were renumbered to better reflect the new, simplified organizational arrangement.

1 Jul 1993 The command inactivated Keesler Training Center and all of its subordinate organizations, with the exception of the 393d Technical Training Group, which was redesignated as the 81st Technical Training Group.

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