

USAF MARKSMANSHIP SCHOOL

MISSION

LINEAGE

USAF Marksmanship Center
USAF Marksmanship School

STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX, 1 Dec 1957-1 Aug 1970

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

USAF Marksmanship School Inactivated. On 1 August 1970, ATC inactivated the USAF Marksmanship School at Lackland, a victim of the budgetary belt-tightening and organizational contractions implemented throughout the Air Force. Air Training Command transferred the school's training and gunsmith capabilities to other units at Lackland.

The Air Force directed formation of a marksmanship school at Lackland in late 1957. By the end of 1958, the center had a three-part mission: training, developing USAF competitive teams, and performing weapons research and maintenance. One of the problems the center had faced from its beginning was a lack of range space. In FY 60 ATC finally began construction of four carbine ranges at Lackland, and the command signed a joint use agreement with the Army for construction of a range at Camp Bullis, Texas.

Marksmanship Center. Effective 1 December 1957, ATC established a USAF Marksmanship Center at Lackland and assigned it to the 3700th Military Training Wing. The school was established in response to a USAF directive to place greater emphasis on small arms training.

By early January, Lackland had secured instructors and equipment for its new marksmanship center, but no acceptable training site had been located. The Department of the Army had refused ATC's request to transfer Camp Stanley to the Air Force. So, Lackland officials began looking at other options, such as acquiring property on Leon Springs Reservation, which encompassed Camp Stanley and Camp Bullis. Also being studied were sites in the vicinity of Hondo. 1958

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