USAF WEAPONS SCHOOL



MISSION

The mission of the USAF Weapons School is to teach graduate-level instructor courses, which provide advanced training in weapons and tactics employment to officers of the combat air forces. The School conducts extensive technical off-station training and liaison.

LINEAGE

USAF Fighter Weapons School constituted and activated, 30 Dec 1965 Organized, 1 Jan 1966 Discontinued, and inactivated, 1 Sep 1966 Activated, 30 Dec 1981 Redesignated USAF Weapons School, 15 Jun 1993

STATIONS

Nellis AFB, NV, 1 Jan-1 Sep 1966 Nellis AFB, NV, 30 Dec 1981

ASSIGNEMENTS

Tactical Air Command, 30 Dec 1965 4520 Combat Crew Training Wing, 1 Jan-1 Sep 1966 57 Fighter Weapons (later, 57 Fighter; 57) Wing, 30 Dec 1981

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-10, 1981 F-4, 1981-1985 F-15, 1981 F-16, 1981 F-111, 1981-1995

COMMANDERS

Col Floyd White, 1 Jan-1 Sep 1966

Col Michael P. Blaisdell, 30 Dec 1981

Col John D. Logeman Jr., 28 Oct 1982

Col Joseph E. Merrick, 6 Mar 1984

Col Richard B. Meyers, 20 Sep 1985

Col Russell W. Everts, 25 Aug 1986

Col Frank B. Campbell, 1 Mar 1988

Col Ronald E. Keys, 5 Jul 1988

Col L. D. Johnston, Aug 1990

Col Edward C. Land II, Mar 1991

Col Bentley B. Rayburn, 8 Jan 1993

Lt Col Donald O. Ross Jr., 22 Apr 1995

Col Gary R. Dylewski, 7 Jul 1995

Col Stephen T. Sargeant, 16 Apr 1996

Col Daniel P. Conroy, 3 Apr 1998

Col Burton Field, 20 May 2000

Col Robin Rand, 3 Apr 2001

Lt Col John R. Carter Jr., 18 Apr 2003

Col Charles Q. Brown Jr., 6 Jul 2005

Lt Col Gregory L. Thomas, 18 May 2005 (interim)

Col Charles Q. Brown Jr., 27 Jun 2005

Col Scott A. Kindsvater, 27 Jun 2007

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards 1 Jun 2001-31 May 2003 1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award 1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999

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OPERATIONS

Beginning with activation in Dec 1981, the school conducted formal graduate level instructor courses for pilots and weapons systems officers.

Tactical Fighter Weapons Center. The US Air Force Tactical Fighter Weapons Center, Nellis AFB, Nevada, provides centralized expertise on the capabilities and employment effectiveness of tactical fighter and fighter weapons systems. It develops and provides management for realistic combat training programs and manages and conducts follow-on operational test and evaluation programs and tactics development and evaluation programs. The center develops tactics, techniques, and procedures. It also conducts training research and development programs and operates the USAF Fighter Weapons School.

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Sources

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