

312 TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

Provide DoD and International Customers with Mission Ready Fire Protection and Special Instruments Graduates and provide mission support for the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC).

The Military Training Flight provides continuing military training for Air Force non-prior service students, utilizing a wide variety of programs designed to teach and enhance military standards and professionalism. We include advising, mentoring, and counseling in our military training to see that our students get the best possible start in their Air Force career.

We have five highly motivated enlisted Military Training Leaders (MTL's). One of their responsibilities is to enforce the 2AF Phase Program, a program designed to allow the airmen to earn privileges based on their performance. The students earn their privileges by performing well in retreat and parade ceremonies, curfew checks, dormitory room inspections, and physical conditioning (PC). Another program run by the MTL's is the Remedial Military Training (RMT) program. RMT is a day of intense training given to re-motivate and reinforce airman in their military training. Our MTL's take pride in ensuring that airmen graduating from the 312 have the capability to perform to the standards of the US Air Force.

LINEAGE

3480 Technical Training Group established and activated, 1 Jul 1978

Redesignated 3480 Technical Training Squadron, 1 Feb 1992

Redesignated 312 Technical Training Squadron, 15 Sep 1992

Redesignated 312 Training Squadron, 1 Apr 1994

STATIONS

Goodfellow AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1978

ASSIGNMENTS

3480 Technical Training Wing (later 3480 Technical Training Wing [USAF Cryptological Training Center])

3480 Technical Training Wing

3480 Technical Training Group

391 Technical Training Group

17 Technical Training Group; 17 Training Group), 1 Jul 1978

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1995

1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1997

1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999

1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2005

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2009

1 Jul 2009-30 Jun 2011

1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2013

1 Jul 2013-30 Jun 2015

1 Jul 2015-30 Jun 2017

EMBLEM



3480 Technical Training Group emblem

312 Training Squadron emblem: Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The lightning bolt, lamp of knowledge and biparted flame signify the unit's training mission and the dual nature of instruction. The lamp rests on four pillars representing the four military services that receive training from the unit. The globe represents the worldwide implications of the training mission. The owl symbolizes the vigilance and wisdom of the instructors. The key suggests that the training provides the knowledge vital to operations. (Approved, 3 Apr 1989)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

On September 16, 1947, General Dwight Eisenhower directed the responsibility for a new mission: detecting nuclear explosions anywhere in the world be assigned to the Army Air Forces. With the creation of the US Air Force two days later, Long Range Detection was included among the first missions of our new service. Soon, a multitude of unique detection equipment was constructed and by 1954, the need for a dedicated training unit was evident. So in June, Special Instruments Training (SPINSTR) was created to handle the extraordinary training.

The Special Instruments Training Flight is part of the 312th Training Squadron, and is tasked with providing mission-ready graduates to the Department of Defense to monitor international nuclear treaties. The SPINSTR team is comprised of a commander, superintendent, training and non-resident course development, maintenance shop and instructor staff. SPINSTR starts with airmen and NCOs who achieve the highest scores on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test. After spending 9 weeks learning electronics principles, students are taught a core of

essential knowledge including nuclear physics, mathematics, computer fundamentals, and system administration. The students are then entered into specialized training based on their first duty stations.

The Louis F. Garland Department of Defense Fire Academy is located inside Goodfellow AFB, which is situated inside the city of San Angelo, Texas. The Fire Academy is host to roughly 15 advanced Fire Protection courses and a very intensive Fire Protection Apprentice Course. The Academy services all aspects of the DoD; including Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Civil Service employees. Fire Protection Specialists from numerous foreign countries are also instructed at the Academy.

Courses at the Fire Academy include the Fire Protection Apprentice Course, Rescue Technician I Course, Rescue Technician II Course, HazMat Technician T-t-T (2002 ed), WMD Technician, Instructor III, Inspector, Fire Officer Courses, Fire Marshal, P-23 Distance Learning Course



The 312 TRS operates the Louis F. Garland Fire Academy at Goodfellow.

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Sources

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