

1st FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



LINEAGE

1st Flying Training Squadron constituted, 9 May 1969

Activated, 1 Jul 1969

Inactivated, 30 Jun 1971

1st Flight Screening Squadron constituted, 1 Jun 1990

Activated, 4 Jun 1990

1st Flying Training Squadron and 1st Flight Screening Squadron consolidated, 1 May 1993

Redesignated 1st Flying Training Squadron, 28 May 1993

Inactivated, 1 Apr 1994

Activated, 14 December 2007

STATIONS

Andrews AFB, MD, 1 Jul 1969-30 Jun 1971

Hondo, TX, 4 Jun 1990-1 Apr 1994

Pueblo Municipal Airport, CO, 14 Dec 2007

ASSIGNMENTS

1st Composite Wing, 1 Jul 1969-30 Jun 1971

Officer Training School, 4 Jun 1990

12th Flying Training Wing, 1 Jul 1991

12th Operations Group, 15 Dec 1991-1 Apr 1994

306th Flying Training Group, 14 Dec 2007

WEAPON SYSTEMS

T-29, 1969-1970

T-33, 1969-1971

T-39, 1969-1971

T-41, 1990-1993

T-3, 1994

Diamond DA-20

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

LTC William A. Jones III, 1 Jul 1969

LTC Stanley J. Nixon, Dec 1969

LTC Robert B. Swedberg, Mar 1970

LTC Roy A. Barnes, Mar 1971-30 Jun 1971

LTC Theron E. Weimer, 4 Jun 1990

LTC Bruce B. McElroy, 14 Jun 1991

LTC William C. Morris, 22 Jul 1993-1 Apr 1994

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul-31 Dec 1991

1 Jan 1992-30 Jun 1993

1 Jul 1993-31 Mar 1994

[14 Dec] 2007-30 Jun 2009

EMBLEM

On a disc Sable, a lozenge Gules, surmounted by a saber-toothed tiger statant guardant Proper, with sinister forepaw extended forward grasping a Katana sword fesswise point to dexter Proper, grip Azure, detailed Or; all within a narrow border Red. (Approved, 15 Nov 2007) Ultramarine blue and Air Force 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 saber-toothed tiger represents the aircraft call sign of the Squadron. The tiger also represents the fearless and bold spirit of the unit and its past and present personnel. The diamond represents the training mission of the Squadron. The Katana grasped by the tiger's front paw represents discipline and a sharp mind which is required by student pilots.

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OPERATIONS

The squadron's mission is to screen, motivate, and prepare pilot, combat systems officer, and remote-pilot candidates for entry into Undergraduate Pilot Training. The squadron is supported by Doss Aviation, the company that ran flight screening at Hondo, Texas in the 1990s. Syllabus: Course includes Academics (14 hours), Officer Development (24 hours), Ground Training (10 hours) and Flying (18 hours - 13 dual flights and 1 pattern solo). The 1st Flying Training Squadron is located in Pueblo, Colorado. Students are housed, fed, and trained in Doss IFS facilities. Flying operations is located at Pueblo Memorial Airport, as well as Fremont County Airport and Fowler Airport.

All active duty UPT students must undergo screening regardless of their private pilot license status, but AFRES students who hold a private pilot license do not. At capacity, the facility will have 14 classes a year. A similar program called AFS - Academy Flight Screening was in place for UPT selectees graduating from the Air Force Academy, but has been discontinued, so Academy graduates have been added to the Doss contract as well.

Squadron provided pilot and navigator proficiency training to all Air Force rated personnel assigned to headquarters in the Washington D.C. area, 1969-1971. From 1990 to 1994, conducted the USAF flight screening program for pilot training candidates.

On 1 Jul 1991, ATC reassigned the 1st Flight Screening Squadron at Hondo, TX, which supervised the command's flight screening program, from the Officer Training School at Lackland to the 12th Flying Training Wing at Randolph. Although control of the program transferred to the 12th, flight operations continued at Hondo. The transfer was designed to place a flying operation directly under a flying training wing's control. The command maintained that flight screening under the supervision of the 12th Flying Training Wing would improve the screening process, lower pilot attrition, and save over \$1 million yearly.



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