

47 FLYING TRAINING WING



MISSION

The 47 Flying Training Wing conducts joint specialized undergraduate pilot training for the United States Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and allied nation air forces utilizing the T-37, T-38 and T-1A aircraft. The 47 FTW commands a flying operation which exceeds 105,000 flying hours and 90,000 sorties per year. It is composed of more than 1,300 military personnel, 1,124 civilian employees and a total base community exceeding 4,200 people.

LINEAGE

47 Bombardment Wing, Light, established, 28 Jul 1947
Organized, 15 Aug 1947
Inactivated, 2 Oct 1949
Activated, 12 Mar 1951
Redesignated 47 Bombardment Wing, Tactical, 1 Oct 1955
Discontinued and inactivated, 22 Jun 1962
Redesignated 47 Flying Training Wing, 22 Mar 1972
Activated, 1 Sep 1972

STATIONS

Biggs Field (later, AFB), TX, 15 Aug 1947
Barksdale AFB, LA, 19 Nov 1948-2 Oct 1949
Langley AFB, VA, 12 Mar 1951-21 May 1952
Sculthorpe RAF Station (later, RAF Sculthorpe), England, 1 Jun 1952-22 Jun 1962
Laughlin AFB, TX, 1 Sep 1972

ASSIGNMENTS

Twelfth Air Force, 15 Aug 1947-2 Oct 1949
Tactical Air Command, 12 Mar 1951
Third Air Force, 5 Jun 1952
Seventeenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1961-22 Jun 1962
Air Training Command, 1 Sep 1972
Nineteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1993

ATTACHMENTS

49th Air Division, Operational, 12 Feb 1952-1 Jul 1956

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A (later, B)-26, 1947
B-45, 1949
B-45, 1951
B-26, 1951
RB-45, 1954
B-66, 1958
KB-50, 1960
T-41, 1972
T-37, 1972
T-38, 1972
T-1, 1993
T-6, 2002

COMMANDERS

Col William M. Prince, 15 Aug 1947
Col Newton Longfellow, Sep 1947
Col Willis F. Chapman, 19 Nov 1948-2 Oct 1949
Col Willis F. Chapman, 12 Mar 1951
Col Charles D. Jones, 1 Aug 1951
Col David M. Jones, 12 Feb 1952
Col John G. Glover, 16 Jun 1955
Brig Gen Joseph R. Holzapple, 30 Jun 1955
Col John G. Glover, Oct 1956
Col Reginald J. Clizbe, 29 Jun 1958
Col Kenneth C. Dempster, 19 Jun 1959
Col George H. Kneen Jr., 1 Dec 1961-22 Jun 1962
Col Charles E. Woods, 1 Sep 1972
Col Harry Falls Jr., 8 Jun 1973
Col Lawrence D. Garrison, 8 Jul 1975
Col Ralf M. Miller, 16 Aug 1977
Col Chris O. Divich, 21 Mar 1979

Col Anthony J. Farrington Jr., 14 Aug 1981
Col Albert A. Gagliardi Jr., 1 Mar 1983
Col Jeffrey T. Ellis, 29 Nov 1984
Col John C. Griffith, 2 Jul 1986
Col Joseph S. Bleymaier Jr., 24 Jul 1987
Col Willard Grosvenor, 1 Jun 1989
Col Donald G. Cook, 29 Jul 1991
Brig Gen Kenneth W. Hess, 29 Jul 1992
Col Timothy A. Peppe, 17 Aug 1994
Col Gary A. Winterberger, 5 Jan 1996
Col Dan R. Goodrich, 23 Jan 1998
Col Winfield W. Scott III, 14 Oct 1999
Col Jack B. Egginton, 5 Dec 2000
Col Eric J. Rosborg, 29 Aug 2001
Col Daniel P. Woodward, 23 Aug 2002
Col Tod D. Wolters, 30 Jul 2004
Col Edward M. Minahan, 21 Apr 2006
Col Charlie Velino

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1958-30 Jun 1960

1 Jan-31 Dec 1973

1 Jan 1976-28 Feb 1977

1 Jan 1979-30 Apr 1980

1 Apr 1986- 31 Mar 1988

16 Mar 1989-15 Mar 1991

1 Jul 1991-30 Jun 1993

1 Jul 1997-30 Jun 1999

1 Sep 2003-30 Jun 2005

1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2007

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display honors earned by the 47 Operations Group for the period prior to 15 Aug 1947

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Algeria-French Morocco

Tunisia; Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Anzio

Rome-Arno

Southern France

North Apennines

Po Valley

Air Combat

EAME Theater

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

North Africa, 22 Feb 1943

Po Valley, 21-24 Apr 1945

EMBLEM





Approved, 2 Jan 1973 and modified, 29 Mar 1995



MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Trained in night tactical operations, conducted firepower demonstrations, and participated in tactical exercises, 1947-1949. Trained in light bombardment operations, becoming proficient with nuclear weapons, 1951-1952. Provided combat crew training and operated USAF Air Crew School (Light Bombardment and Tactical Reconnaissance, Night Photographic), May 1951-Feb 1952. Moved to England in mid-1952, and, for the next decade, performed tactical bombardment training operations, including participation in exercises and firepower demonstrations in support of NATO. Also performed air refueling missions, 1960-1962.

Replaced, and absorbed resources of, the 3646th Pilot Training Wing at Laughlin AFB, TX, on 1 Sep 1972 and conducted undergraduate pilot training for USAF, Air Force Reserve, and friendly foreign nation air forces. Supported Accelerated Co-Pilot Enrichment Program at numerous locations, 1976-1986. Began airlifter-tanker track pilot training in 1994.



Brig Gen Joseph R. Holzapple



Col David M. Jones

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