

3301 SCHOOL SQUADRON (USAF SKILL CENTER)

MISSION

LINEAGE

3301 School Squadron (USAF Skill Center)
Activated, 1 Dec 1971

STATIONS

Forbes AFB, KS
Kirtland AFB, NM

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

3301st School Squadron Established. In connection with the Vietnam drawdown and to fulfill one of ATC's special obligations-administering the vocational training program designed to prepare selected enlisted members for jobs in the civilian sector-ATC activated the 3301 School Squadron (USAF Skill Center), at Forbes AFB, Kansas, a TAC installation, on 1 December 1971. The 3301st reported directly to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel at HQ ATC.

USAF Skill Center. The command inactivated another unique organization, the 3301st School Squadron (USAF Skill Center) on 31 May 1974. The skill center had been at Forbes AFB, Kansas, since 1971 as part of a nationwide effort to help service members, especially veterans of the war in Southeast Asia, make the transition back to civilian life. The transition program was targeted at enlisted ranks up to technical sergeant and consisted of job counseling and vocational training. No sooner had the skill center relocated to Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, in 1973, when Congress decided the transition program had outlived its usefulness and cut off its funding as of May 1974.

The 3301st School Sqdn. -- also known as the Air Force skills center, a unique institution which serves the entire USAF -- will be relocated to Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, where it will take over quarters recently vacated by the Army and turned over to the USAF.

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