

3306 TRAINING SQUADRON (CONTRACT TRAINING)

MISSION

The primary mission of 3306 Training Squadron (Contract Training) is to give basic pilot, officer, and academic training to USAF aviation cadets, student officers, and Allied students under the Mutual Defense Assistance Program (MDAP).

LINEAGE

3306 Training Squadron (Contract Training)
Activated, 11 July 1951
Inactivated

STATIONS

Bainbridge AB, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

T-6

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Robert E. Dawson

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

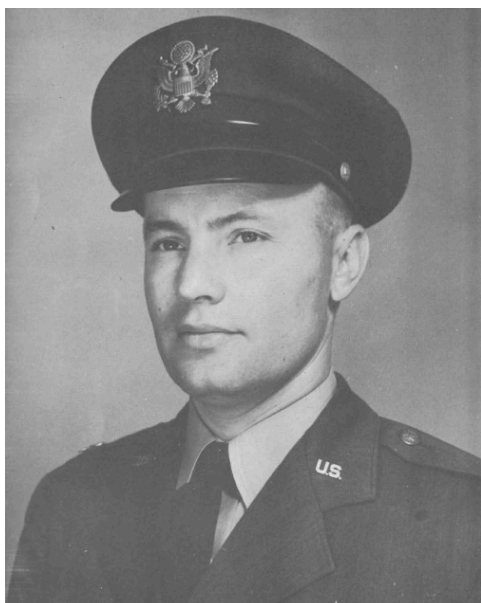
OPERATIONS

With the increase in the size of the United States Air Force in 1951, Air Training Command was required to provide a great many more pilots. In order to accomplish this it was necessary to activate a number of civilian contract schools. One of these was Bainbridge Air Base, operated by Southern Airways and the 3306th Training Squadron.

Southern Airways is charged with the actual training, both academic and flying, and is the prime contractor. Mr. Frank W. Hulse, President of Southern Airways, and Mr. Victor C. Rasmussen, President of Aviation Associates, signed the contract on June 28th, and construction was begun on July 2nd by the Hercules Building Corporation.

The base is located seven miles north of the City of Bainbridge, in the southwestern corner of the State of Georgia. Only a few buildings had been left on the site of the old base after it was deactivated at the end of World War II. It was necessary to build new barracks, a mess hall, academic building, cadet club, control tower, briefing rooms, hospital, chapel, and a base canteen. Although the construction work was not completed sufficiently by the 21st of August to feed the first class (52-F), arrangements were made at the Elk's Club which is located on the base.

The 3306th Training Squadron was activated on July 11th, 1951, for the primary purpose of supervising the functions of a civilian contract school. Lt. Colonel Robert E. Dawson is the Commanding Officer and assumed his duties on that date. At this writing, class 52-F has progressed to the stage of cadet first classmen. The average individual flying time is around 105 hours. Final and instrument checks are coming soon, the last big obstacle of their training here in basic pilot school.



Lt Col Robert E. Dawson



3306 Training Squadron (Contract Training), Bainbridge AB, GA, T-6 taxiing.



3306 Training Squadron (Contract Training), Bainbridge AB, GA, T-6.



3306 Training Squadron (Contract Training), Bainbridge AB, GA, T-6 and student pilots.

USAF Unit Histories

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