

3320 TECHNICAL TRAINING WING

MISSION

Provide airplane and jet engine mechanic training.

LINEAGE

3320 Technical Training Wing

STATIONS

Amarrillo AFB, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Brig Gen William L. Lee, #1957

Brig Gen Walter R. Agee

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Per fess embattled abased azure and brown, overall a torch or inflamed proper between in chief a missile bendwise and a stylized aircraft bend sinisterwise of the third each emitting four speed lines argent, the missile bearing a stylized eyeball of the last, iris gules, in base issuant from the like chevron wise a gauntlet of the fifth detailed of the first grasping a lightning flash of the sixth and a cubit arm proper vested of the chief cuffed white. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The ATC torch of knowledge indicates the primary mission of all ATC units, that of teaching. The gauntleted hand, passing the

lightning bolt to the naked hand, represents the handing over of primary military knowledge, skills, and tradition to the untrained serviceman, symbolizing basic military training. The aircraft is representative of the general aircraft design of the supersonic age and symbolizes jet engine mechanic training. The missile represents the recently acquired mission of mechanic training in the missile area. The eye represents guidance and control which are the essential elements of guided missiles. The battlements represent the distinct separation or barrier between basic training and technical training. The gold border on shield and scroll represents the true worth of elements within. The brown foreground is symbolic of the earthbound aspects of the basic training mission, and the light blue background indicates the limitless space in which the USAF operates. (Approved, 29 Jul 1958)

MOTTO

VISIORY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

OPERATIONS

The 3320th Technical Training Wing was designated on March 12, 1951 and assigned to ATRC. General Order number one was issued the same date, organizing Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. Captain Phillip Carolan became the first Commanding Officer. Later, on March 14, Colonel Ray Clark assumed command.

Construction of classrooms, dining halls and other facilities necessary to accomplish the Wing's mission was begun on February 7. By March 12 the first dining hall was opened.

The primary mission of the Wing was to provide individual technical training for the airmen and officers of the USAF, the Air Force Reserve and other departments of the National Defense Establishment and Foreign Nationals. A program was devised to meet the requirements of the services, providing the students with maximum training at minimum cost, in line with budgetary policies. By constant revision, by deletions and additions to the training courses, the Wing successfully met the challenge presented by its basic mission

In addition, the Wing had the added duties of providing On-the-Job (OJT) Advisory Service for non-resident personnel; Air-weather service; logistical support to the 1739th Ferrying Squadron; the annual encampment of approximately one hundred and fifty civilian Air Patrol Cadets; and the program of rehabilitating airmen under a sentence of courts-martial.

Concerned that the size of each of the technical training bases was more than a single commander could successfully manage, in late 1958 General Smith asked Headquarters USAF for permission to redesignate the technical training wings as training centers. Headquarters USAF approved the request. Effective 1 January 1959, ATC renamed its military training wing and all five of its technical training wings. The 3700th Military Training Wing became the Lackland Military Training Center; while the 3320th Technical Training Wing was redesignated as Amarillo Technical Training Center; the 3345th, Chanute Technical Training Center; the 3380th, Keesler Technical Training Center; the 3415th, Lowry Technical Training Center; and the 3750th, Sheppard Technical Training Center.

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