

3345 TECHNICAL TRAINING WING

MISSION

LINEAGE

3345 Technical Training Wing

STATIONS

Chanute AFB, IL

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

A shield, per fess nebuly abased, azure (AF blue) and argent (white), a lightning bolt of the last, and a torch or (AF yellow), flamant proper, all sinister bendways; surmounted by two cubit arms, proper, bendwise, the hands clasped; the dexter arm, winged of the second, and issuing from a cloud proper, in dexter chief; the sinister arm issuing from the sinister all within an edge argent.

SIGNIFICANCE: The shield signifies how Chanute AFB and the Wing are a vital factor in providing skilled technicians necessary to keep our air power the strongest in the world. The winged arm extending out of the clouds, from dexter chief of shield, represents the flying mission of the AF; the arm from sinister base of shield, together with the flaming torch, emphasize the knowledge and skill required for qualified aircraft technicians. Dynamic striking power is denoted by the lightning bolt flashing across the blue field and this close coordination between the technician

and flying personnel is indicated by the clasped hands. The student is shown how important his training is at Chanute and how every phase of that training will help make him a credit to the AF and to his country. The motto expresses the spirit of graduates of the technical schools here at Chanute. (Approved, 6 Apr 1956)

MOTTO

VINCIMUS PER STUDIA--We Conquer Through Study

OPERATIONS

Established in 1917 at Rantoul, Chanute served as a technical training center during World War II. The base continued training after the war as an Air Training Command facility. The 3345th Technical Training Wing operated the base and the schools.

Training Command inactivated the USAF School of Applied Aerospace Sciences at each of its technical training centers and activated numbered technical training wings in their place on 1 April 1977. These included the 3250th Technical Training Wing at Lackland, the 3300th at Keesler, the 3330th at Chanute, the 3400th at Lowry, and the 3700th at Sheppard. Several months later Air Training Command published a second order that inactivated the wings effective 1 January 1978, based on realignment actions proposed by the Cadou study. (These wings were again activated in November 1979.) 1977

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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