

3389th FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



S.A.T.P. = Security Assistance Training Program for VNAF Pilots

LINEAGE

STATIONS

DEPLOYED STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

ATTACHMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

3250th and 3251st Flying Training Sq. Randolph phased down pilot instructor training during 1967 so it could begin to provide UPT to meet pilot production needs in Vietnam. The T-37 pilot instructor training program at Randolph transferred to Perrin AFB, Texas, in July 1967, where it was operated by the 3251st Flying Training Squadron, which ATC had organized on 1 April 1967. The command activated a second flying training squadron, the 3250th at Tyndall AFB, Florida, on 1 October 1967 to provide T-38 pilot instructor training.

3253d Pilot Training Squadron. After a number of years of study, the Secretary of Defense approved a light plane training program for the Air Force Academy on 8 December 1966. The Air Force designated ATC the training agency, and the command activated the 3253d Pilot Training Squadron at Peterson Field, Colorado, on 1 October 1967. Training began in January 1968.

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15 Jan 1967 The command activated the 3389th Pilot Training Squadron at Keesler. This unit trained foreign pilots under the Military Assistance Program (MAP) using the T-28 aircraft; classes began on 23 January 1967.

Keelser AFB, MS, 15 Jan 1967-1 Jun 1973

By the mid-1960s, the United States was beginning to deploy substantial forces to Southeast Asia. The Vietnam War buildup caused base-wide shortages of everything from uniforms to post office boxes, but it also returned pilot training to Keesler for the first time since 1953. On 15 January 1967, the 3389th Pilot Training Squadron was activated and equipped with T-28 Trojans. Its mission was to teach Military Assistance Program (MAP) students how to fly. The squadron hosted personnel from many countries, including Iran, Mexico, and Peru, but especially

from South Vietnam. Of the 908 pilots who graduated before the squadron inactivated in 1973, 743 were from that beleaguered country. Advances in evolving technology rapidly led to changes in Keesler's training and infrastructure.

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