

# **3958 OPERATIONAL EVALUATION AND TRAINING SQUADRON**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

3958 Operational Evaluation and Training Squadron

## **STATIONS**

Carswell AFB, TX

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

On March 1958 the 3958th Operational Evaluation and Training Squadron was activated at Carswell Air Force Base, and assigned to the 19th Air Division. The 3958th Operational Evaluation and Training

Squadron and the 6592nd Test Squadron made up the B-58 Test Force who were testing B-58 aircraft.

The 7th Bomb Wing became combat ready on 18 January 1959 in B-52 and KC-135 jet aircraft.

On 1 April 1959 the SAC Deputy Command Concept was put into practice here and all units were reorganized under this concept. On 1 September 1959 the 3958th Operational Evaluation and Training Squadron was re-designated into a Group.

On 15 March 1960 the 43rd Bombardment Wing moved to Carswell from Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, less personnel and equipment to become the first B-58 wing. The 43rd Bomb Wing is made up of seven squadrons which include the 63rd and 64th Bombardment Squadrons and the 65th Bombardment Squadron. The 3958th Operational Evaluational and Training Group was discontinued upon the transfer of the 43rd Bomb Wing to Carswell. Colonel James K. Johnson a former commander of 3958th O E & T G assumed command of the 43rd Bomb Wing. Personnel and equipment of the group were used to replace the personnel and equipment left at Davis-Monthan.

With transfer of the 43rd Bomb Wing to Carswell the base structure changed from a one wing station with the Combat Support Group and Medical Group assigned directly to the 19th Air Division

In early 1957, Maj. Gen. R. E. Terrill, SAC Director of Operations, acknowledged that his command necessarily found itself becoming more and more involved in the B-58 program. At this time, SAC was preparing to activate the 3958th Operational, Test, and Evaluation (OT&E) squadron at Carswell AFB. This event did, in fact, take place on March 1, 1958, thus making SAC's B-58 test program involvement official. Maj. Gen. Albert Boyd, Commander for Weapon Systems, ARDC, acknowledged at this time that SAC maintained strong reservations concerning the B-58. but that due to problems with the WS 110A program (North American B-70) and possible forthcoming B-58 model improvements (i.e., the B-58B), SAC interest in the B-58 remained strong.

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