

MISSION

Provided jet, instructor pilot, and fighter fundamentals training for North Atlantic Treaty Organization and USAF pilots, 1998.

A multinational flying organization chartered to produce fighter pilots for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Alliance. Responsibilities include operational support, flying training, air traffic control, and evaluation of 256 student pilots and 110 instructor pilot candidates per year as well as Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals for more than 145 trainees per year.

LINEAGE

80 Operations Group constituted, 3 Dec 1997 Activated, 2 Jan 1998

STATIONS

Sheppard AFB, TX, 2 Jan 1998

ASSIGNMENTS

80 Flying Training Wing, 2 Jan 1998

WEAPON SYSTEMS

T-37B 1998

T-38A 1998

T-38C 2006

T-6

COMMANDERS

Col Ulrich Schröder (GAF), 2 Jan 1998

Col Johannes Hassenwert (GAF), 30 Mar 2000

Col Heinrich F. Schneider (GAF), 13 Nov 2003

Col Axel Pohlmann (GAF), 20 Jun 2006

Col Eberhard von Wintzingerode-Knorr (GAF), 25 Jun 2010

Col Paolo Baldasso, 28 Jun 2013

Col Bernard Hey (GAF), 6 Jul 2016

Col Stefan Kleinheyer (GAF), 9 July 2019

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards 1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001

EMBLEM

Group will use the wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORIES

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Sources

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