

# **3017 AAF BASE UNIT**

## **MISSION**

Pilot School, Specialized, 4-engine

## **LINEAGE**

3017 AAF Base Unit

## **STATIONS**

Hobbs AAF, NM

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

In May of 1945, with the Allies in control of the war in the Pacific, the AAF determined that it had enough four-engine pilots and future pilot training classes were cancelled. Five months later, command of the HAAF was transferred from Western Training Flying Command to the Central Flying Command out of Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, resulting in the HAAF changing its AAF designation from the 3017th AAF Base Unit to the 4160th (U.S. Army 1945-47). The change of command resulted in a change in mission from pilot training to the temporary storage of A-26 Invaders and P-51 Mustangs. Training personnel and the detachment of WAACs were shipped out and more mechanics were brought in. Base strength was now 174 officers, 877 enlisted men, and 437 civilians.

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