3250 TECHNICAL TRAINING WING

MISSION

LINEAGE

3250 Technical Training Wing

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col James H. Lund

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 1987 reorganization of the unit brought about numerous changes, but the effects of the reorganization were not clear. The planned training of nearly 3,500 navy personnel each year moved closer to final implementation. General Tibbetts anticipated no problems in supporting the Navy's request until FY 1991 when a lack of adequate facilities would limit the base's ability to support additional students. Course for USMC and USAF personnel in basic law enforcement were combined in 1988. Other changes occurred in advanced law enforcement courses. The 3287th Technical Training Squadron, Fort Dix, New Jersey, continued to conduct air base ground defense training. The SP Training and Utilization Workshop recommended many changes to security police training and to the specialty training standards for police. Other evaluation indicated that USMC supervisors were dissatisfied with many aspects of law enforcement training

but generally agreed that the quality of training had improved under AF control. Changes also occurred in the courses for military working dogs. Representatives meeting to discuss the DOD dog program evaluated the European purchasing of trained dogs. Markets identified within the U.S. exceeded European costs by as much as 600 percent. Basic trainees began using 5.56 MM standard ammunition in the M-16 rifle. The 9 MM automatic pistol was added to the marksmanship training curriculum. The division also experimented with computer assisted videodisk training systems. The 3270th Technical Training Group continued to provide cryptographic maintenance, recruiter, and social actions training programs. Changes within the cryptographic maintenance field were numerous. Instructor manning did not pose any significant problems for the wing. Foreign student production dropped slightly. The USMC enrolled more students at the 3250th than either the Air Force Reserve or the Air National Guard. A total of 22,685 personnel enrolled in technical training courses at Lackland in FY 1988.

The significant reductions in Air Force officer and enlisted accession rates during 1987 and 1988 impacted on most of the Air Force Military Training Center's training missions. Average trainee population was significantly lower in Basic Military Training School, Officer Training School, and 3250th Technical Training Wing. In consequence, the three organizations suffered manpower losses and had to make adjustments in organizational structure. The technical training wing was least affected because of its major reorganization in 1987. With a new student arrangement—i.e., all trainees assigned to student squadrons (STUSs) in the 3290th Student Group (STUG)—the wing was able to absorb a shrinking trainee population and permanent party without alteration of its unit or organizational structure. The OTS enrollment drop was so precipitous that reconstitution of the informal but traditional student organization became necessary. While switching from a wing/two group to a single group-sized student body, the school also streamlined and consolidated its deputy commander and divisional structure.

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