

3275 MILITARY TRAINING WING

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Parks AFB, CA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col William E. Carpenter

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a shield azure, a silhouetted representation of an Indian Thunderbird proper (gray), fimbriated argent, charged with a torch of knowledge sanguine, flammant proper, between portals of a building sanguine, shaded argent, paly in prospect; the shield within a diminutive border argent.

SIGNIFICANCE The blue is for the Air Force. The Indian Thunderbird, emblematical of a fortitude and magnanimity of the mind, is a highly reverend mythical creature of American Indian folklore. The qualities attributed to the Thunderbird are likewise important to the mission of indoctrination. The torch of knowledge and the portals are symbolic of indoctrination into the Air Force and relate to the instruction in the basic principles of things military. (Approved 15 Aug 1952)

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OPERATIONS

On 30 June 1951, ATC added Camp Parks to its inventory of bases, intending to use it for basic military training. Effective 1 August, Headquarters USAF directed the camp be redesignated as Parks AFB. Two weeks later, on 16 August, Air Training Command established an Air Force indoctrination wing--the 3275th--at Parks; it was not until March 1952 that Parks began receiving recruits for basic military training. With Parks, Sampson, and Lackland AFBs now providing basic military training, Air Training Command was able to remove Sheppard from the basic military training program so that it could concentrate on training aircraft mechanics.

On 6 January 1953, Technical Training Air Force redesignated its three indoctrination wings--the 3700th at Lackland, the 3650th at Sampson, and the 3275th at Parks--as military training wings.

On 21 November 1956 Air Training Command discontinued the basic military and air defense schools at Parks. By year's end, ATC also had discontinued the 3275th Military Training Wing at Parks. That left the command with a single installation providing basic military instruction—Lackland. Originally, ATC had intended to move air defense training to Lackland, but an April 1956 study had found that Lackland did not have enough space to support such a program.

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