

3502 AF BASE UNIT

MISSION

Technical School & Helicopter School

LINEAGE

3502 AAF Base Unit

3502 Air Force Base Unit

STATIONS

Chanute AAF (Later, AFB), IL, 1 May 1944-28 Aug 1948

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

In late October 1944 the B-32 technical school was established at Keesler Army Air Field near Biloxi, MS, which had been functioning as the AAF's training base for B-24 mechanics. Since the

B-24 was a Consolidated Aircraft Company bomber it was the reasonable choice to send prospective Consolidated-Vultee B-32 mechanics there. The B-32 Airplane and Engine Mechanic School was activated by the 3704th AAFBU at Keesler Field in October 1944. Soon the Engine Training School was activated by the 3502nd AAFBU at Chanute Field, IL, and a Consolidated-Vultee operated Maintenance Training School activated by the 3712th AAFBU at Lindbergh Field in San Diego. Since the San Diego training school was adjacent to the B-32 factory, in addition to their 19 courses 1,800 ground crewmen were placed on the production line for "on the job training."

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