

331st TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

3743rd WAF Training Squadron designated and organized, 26 Aug 1948
Redesignated 3743rd Basic Military Training Squadron, 15 May 1973
Redesignated 331st Basic Training Squadron, 25 Aug 1992
Redesignated 331st Training Squadron, 1 Apr 1994

STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX, 26 Aug 1948

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj Rita Drew, 1961-1965
LTC Diane E. Ordes, 1966-1968
Cpt Dora I. Duncan, 1968
Maj William Brandon, 1988-1989
Maj Echevarria, 1990
Maj Sampson, 1991
Maj Larry Workcuff, 1993-1994
Maj Regina Montgomery, 1994-1996
Maj Daniel Badger, 1996-1998
Maj Herman Jett, 1998-2000
LTC Suzzane Fillion, 2000-2002
LTC Jererado Perez, 2002-2003
LTC Malpass, 2003-2006

LTC Thomas Schmidt, 2006-2008
LTC Stephen T. Gibson

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

DECORATIONS

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1967-1 Jan 1969
1 Jan 1971-31 Jul 1972
1 Aug 1972-31 Jul 1974
1 Jan 1977-30 Apr 1978
30 Apr 1982-31 Dec 1983
1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996
1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998
1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2002
1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2003

Air Force Organizational Excellence Awards

1 Jan 1984-31 Dec 1985
1 Jan 1986-31 Dec 1987
1 Jan 1988-31 Dec 1989

EMBLEM



3743rd Basic Military Training Squadron

331st Training Squadron emblem: Between and surmounting at their centers two white Grecian doric columns, edged and detailed gold brown, an Air Force blue lozenge within and quartered lozenge, one, two, one, by a narrow Air Force yellow border. First quarter, in chief, the colors, red, white, and blue, issuing from base and radiating throughout, second quarter, in dexter (right), a winged torch and third quarter, in sinister (left), the head of Athena affrontee, wearing a breastplate and helmet, all Air Force yellow detailed gold brown, fourth quarter, in base, an Air Force yellow open book diminishing toward chief, pages white, all detailed gold brown. Emblem between two white scrolls edged Air Force yellow lower scroll inscribed with Air Force yellow capital letters shaded gold brown. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron's history and mission. Against a background of blue that alludes to the sky, the aerospace theater of Air Force operations, the open book indicates the unit's mission, basic military indoctrination. The red, white and blue of our national colors refer to the trainees, from all parts of the United States, that the squadron provides to the many fields of service in the United States Air Force. The head of Athena, a Greek goddess, warlike in defending state and home and also embodying wisdom, reason, and purity, symbolizes the squadron's history as one of the first three basic training units for the newly established Women of the Air Force Corps in 1948. The winged torch of knowledge, symbol of learning or education, is emblematic of the Air Education and Training Command. The Doric columns signify the excellent support rendered by men and women in the Air Force in every assignment. The emblem bears the Air Force colors, golden yellow and ultramarine blue. (Approve, 4 Jan 1965. Revised on Disc, and approved, 13 Jun 2003)

MOTTO

We Train to Serve

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

BMT Commander Relieved of Command: In another shakeup caused by the ongoing investigation into sexual misconduct among Air Force military training instructors at JSBA-Lackland, Tex., the colonel in charge of basic military training operations there has been relieved of command, according to press reports. Col. Eric Axelbank, who oversees all training operations at San Antonio-Lackland "lost confidence" in the ability of Col. Glenn Palmer, BMT commander, "to maintain a safe and secure training environment for our newest airmen," reported the Los Angeles Times on Aug. 10, citing a 37th Training Wing spokeswoman. Axelbank commands the 37th TRW; Palmer had led the 737th Training Group since July 2011. Despite his removal, the spokeswoman made clear that "Palmer did not create the environment that resulted in the misconduct." The Air Force is investigating 15 former MTIs for alleged sexual misconduct with trainees dating back to fall 2009. Already court-martials have found three of them guilty and they have been sentenced. Back in June, Axelbank removed the commander of the 331st Training Squadron, the unit in which resided most of the MTIs accused of abuse. 2012

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Sources

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