

345th TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

The 345th TRS provides enlisted training courses in Air Transportation, Traffic Management, Supply Management, Logistics Plans, Contracting, Recruiting, Vehicle Maintenance and Hazardous Materials. Officer training is provided through the Logistics Readiness Officer course. The squadron trains 14,000 students via 74 in-resident/mobile training team courses annually. Officers: 4; Enlisted: 86; Civilians: 13.

LINEAGE

345th Technical Training Squadron constituted, 1 Mar 1993
Activated, 31 Mar 1993
Redesignated 345th Training Squadron, 1 Apr 1994

STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX, 31 Mar 1993

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

31 Mar 1993-30 Jun 1994

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 2000-30 Jun 2002

1 Jul 2002-30 Jun 2003

EMBLEM

Per bend Or and Azure, a bendlet Sable in chief an open book Argent garnished of the third in base a wheel Gray issuing speed lines fesswise to sinister White; all within a diminished bordure Black. Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The divided shield reflects the unit's flexibility in transportation on land as well as in the air. The wheel denotes the basic functions of transportation to move quickly from Point A to Point B. The open book implies a questioning mind and indicates the Squadron's advancement of transportation through training all elements involved. (Approved, 9 Dec 1994)

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OPERATIONS

2010 A tasteful closing concluded an era of culinary arts at Lackland when technical school students prepared the program's final meal on base for 37th Training Wing and 37th Training Group leadership Sept. 3. Jokingly dubbed "The Last Luncheon," culinary arts center training students bade farewell to the base for the cooking part of the program. Culinary arts center training is relocating to Fort Lee, Va., as part of 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law. That course and others, from both the 344th and 345th Training Squadrons at Lackland, will form a realigned 345th TRS under the 37th TRG's supervision at the Army installation. Courses that did not move from those two training squadrons now comprise the 344th TRS at Lackland. "Moving to Fort Lee are AF Services Academy from the 344th TRS, and air transportation and transportation management from the 345th TRS," said Lt. Col. Stephen Landry, 37th TRG deputy commander. The colonel said training programs that remain from the 345th TRS, including the logistics readiness officers' course, AF Recruiting School, contracting and supply, along with what was left from the 344th TRS, including the AF Safety Academy, Enlisted Air Crew Center for Excellence and some other courses, are combining into the 344th TRS, which remains at Lackland. Realigning the Air Force culinary arts training to Fort Lee establishes a joint center of excellence in culinary arts as mandated by BRAC. Colonel Landry said in the future, courses may consolidate, but for now each service branch is running its own. He also said the formation of a full squadron eliminated two detachments at Fort Lee. The 37th TRG currently has eight detachments and two operating locations around the continental U.S. "Operating in this environment with a dislocated entity in the 37th TRG is not new," he said. The 345th TRS flag transferred to Fort Lee on June 25

with personnel to follow in stages. A ceremonial change of command to Lt. Col. Debbie Kent, who is already at the Virginia post, is planned at a date to be determined. Once facilities under construction at Fort Lee are completed, more personnel and equipment will be moved. The construction has an estimated Sept. 30 completion date. Colonel Landry said minimizing the amount of time between closing and reopening the training programs involved in the move was challenging. "Although we may not be gaining new Services Airmen right now, there are still retirements, separations and deployments. "We want to make the down-time gap as small as possible because it impacts the mission to the Air Force worldwide," Colonel Landry said. The deputy commander also said group leadership was finalizing a plan to address issues created by the relocation that could no longer be handled face-to-face. Colonel Landry said group and squadron leadership is committed to ensuring geographically separated personnel don't fall victim to the "lost sheep syndrome – out of sight, out of mind." "We have to make sure they're getting funding, professional military education support, promotions and decorations," he said.

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