

373 TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

373 Training Squadron mission is to provide premier maintenance training to the war fighters in all major commands, sister services and allied nations in airlift, special operations, tanker support and aerospace ground equipment.

LINEAGE

3753 Field Training Squadron designated and activated, 1 Jul 1984

Redesignated 373 Field Training Squadron, 15 Sep 1992

Redesignated 373 Training Squadron, 23 Mar 1994

STATIONS

Sheppard AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

3785 Field Training Wing (later, 3785 Field Training Group; 396 Field Training Group; 82 Field Training Group; 982 Training Group), 1 Jul 1984

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

01 Oct 1984 – 31 Dec 1985

01 Aug 1986 – 31 Jul 1988

01 Feb 1989 – 31 Jan 1991

01 Feb 1991 – 31 Jan 1993

01 Jul 1993 – 30 Jun 1994

01 Jul 1994 - 30 Jun 1995

01 Jul 1995 – 30 Jun 1996

01 Jul 1996 – 30 Jun 1997

01 Jul 1997 – 30 Jun 1999

01 Jul 2005 - 30 Jun 2006

01 Jul 2006 - 30 Jun 2008

01 Jul 2008 - 30 Jun 2010

01 Jul 2010 - 30 Jun 2012

01 Jul 2012 - 30 Jun 2014

01 Jul 2014 – 30 Jun 2016

01 Jul 2017 – 30 Jun 2019

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Approved, 15 Oct 1997

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

Beginning in late 1983, HQ ATC conducted a study of the field training program, looking at organization and mission performance. The study group found that the training detachments did an excellent job in the field. It was organization that caused problems. From its establishment on 1 April 1976, the 3785th Field Training Group had operated a worldwide teaching program with the aid of a single squadron—the 3751st. Through the years, the lines of authority and responsibility had become indistinct. To define these elements more clearly, the study group recommended elevating the 3785th to wing level and assigning four squadrons to the wing. With Air Staff approval, on 1 July 1984, ATC redesignated the 3785th Field Training Group as the 3785th Field Training Wing, assigned the 3751st Field Training Squadron to the wing, and activated three additional field training squadrons: the 3752d, 3753d, and 3754th. Like the group, the 3785th Field Training Wing, remained assigned to the Sheppard Technical Training Center.

The 373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 6 at Robins AFB, Ga., recently received a retired C-130H that will be used for hands-on teaching of the thousands of students who roll through the school each year. Previously, the squadron, one of many field training detachments assigned to Air

Education Training Command's 982nd Training Group, used aircraft going through depot maintenance at Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex for training, but scheduling often was a challenge so the school had to send students off-site for training. The addition of the C-130H trainer is expected to save about \$700,000 per year, said SMSgt. Shawn Davis, 373rd Det. 6 chief. "The ground trainer is a win-win for multiple organizations as it provides cost-effective maintenance training opportunities for our civilian mechanics and military expeditionary depot maintenance personnel," said Jim Russell, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron director. Davis said the C-130H also is likely to increase enrollment, specifically in the school's hydraulics, avionics, and engine courses. 2015

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Sources

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