

433 TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

8050 Military Training Squadron designated and activated in the Reserve, 15 Mar 1983
Redesignated 604 Training Squadron, 1 Oct 1994
Inactivated, 15 Jun 1995

433 Training Squadron constituted, 9 Jun 1995
Activated in the Reserve, 15 Jun 1995

604 Training Squadron and 433 Training Squadron consolidated, 10 Jan 1997. Consolidated unit designated 433 Training Squadron

STATIONS

Lackland AFB, TX, 15 Mar 1983

ASSIGNMENTS

433 Support Group

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Joseph Hearn, 1983
Lt Col Daniel Egizi, 1991
Lt Col Timothy Swinney, 1997
Lt Col Mark Melcher, 2001
Maj Sanchez

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan-30 Sep 1988

12 Sep 2000-11 Sep 2002

1 Sep 2004-31 Aug 2006

1 Jan 2007-31 Dec 2008

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

1 Jan 1986-31 Dec 1987

EMBLEM



On a disc Azure, between a vol Silver Gray garnished of the first charged on its base with a hurt bearing an effigy of the Alamo Gold Brown detailed Or, a torch of the second flamant Proper, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "433d TRAINING SQ" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "ETHOS PATHOS LOGOS" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force 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 torch reflects the unit's function as a training squadron and symbolizes the passing of knowledge to those beginning service to the nation. The wings represent the unit's association with the Air Force Reserve and its mission to defend our freedom. The Alamo denotes individual dedication to the core values of the training mission. 28

Jul 1998

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The 433rd was the first Reserve unit to be activated in the Air Education and Training Command, starting in 1983 with a handful of people. Initially, some active-duty people were skeptical that a Reserve unit would be able to "fit in" and perform at the "Gateway to the Air Force." Those initial concerns were soon put to rest, however, as the 433rd TRS proved itself to be a very capable, mission-ready partner.

The unit's performance was validated by an initial rating of excellent from the 737th Training Group standardization and evaluation team. Subsequently, the 433rd has received an overall rating of outstanding on its past five inspections. As the unit's reputation grew, so did its size. Today it has authorizations for 74 enlisted people, two officers and one civilian.

The unit has been through some very trying times this past year. Budget cuts from AETC and AFRC has downsized the unit from 76 billets to 26. The biggest change in the unit in the past year has been that Reserve MTIs are no longer placed on long orders to augment 737th Training Group. Typically, 433 TRS supported the 737th TRG with ranges of 4-10 MTIs on a daily basis, 365 days a year. The manning thrust of 737th Training Group, teetering on an unheard of 95% or better has hampered the Reserve MTIs. Several 433 TRS MTIs have stepped back into the Active Duty role and are on an Extended Active Duty (EAD) tour within BMT.

The members who are now EAD are MSgt Robert Hembree, now assigned to the 323rd Training Squadron, TSgt Michael Diaz, now assigned to the 331st Training Squadron, TSgt Frank Martin, now assigned to the 326th Training Squadron, TSgt Jesse Gomez, now assigned to the Military Training Instructor School. During the year of 2004, 433 TRS MTIs played a vital role at the United States Air Force Academy. 9 MTIs were assigned to the Basic Cadet Training program which is similar to enlisted basic training. The role of the MTI was a very important one! Each MTI set the ground rules, training philosophies and assisted with the molding of over 1,300 basic cadets to enter the AF Academy upon completion of their Basic Cadet Training. Also, MTIs from the 433 TRS were responsible for the Reserve Officer Training encampments at Ellsworth AFB, SD., Tyndall AFB, FL., and Lackland AFB, TX and were responsible for the training of over 1,500 basic cadets and mentored 500 senior cadets in leadership roles.

The unit also coordinated, trained and participated in the retirement of the AFRC/CC at Robins ARB, GA for Lt Gen Sherrard. Since 1983, MTIs of the 433 TRS have participated in thousands of retirements, change of commands across the nation. The 433 TRS is the 'go-to' within the AF Reserve Command in regards to drill and ceremonies. The 737th Training Group also leans on the unit for guidance in the training environment due to the caliber and experience level of the unit.

Lt Col Joseph E. Hearn

1989 The first again for the reserve program came with the activation of the 8050th Military Training Squadron. The 8050th is the only Basic Military Training unit that backfill the active Training Instructors at Lackland AFB, Texas. The honor guard from the 8050th is known to assist many units throughout the Air Force. The unit also began holding for new members of the wing

In April 1992, the 8050th Military Training Squadron began supporting the active duty-training mission at Lackland, due to a shortfall of qualified full-time Military Training Instructors. The reservists received assignment duties with the 3701st and 3711th Basic Military Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas.

Because of Air Force cutbacks, reservists from the 8050th Military Training Squadron supported the encampment program conducted around the country, including Lackland AFB. Brigadier General Robin G. Tornow, commandant at Headquarters, Air Force ROTC personally asked the 8050 MTS to support this program. The MTIs instructed the cadets in proper wear of the uniform, military customs and courtesy, parade and drill and ceremony. The unit worked with the cadets for two to three weeks during the ROTC encampment. The most important aspect of the MTIs presence was keeping the cadets in a military mode of thinking. 1992

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