

733 TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

Provide administrative, managerial and operational support for approximately 700 C-5 aircrew students annually, supporting the active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

LINEAGE

733 Training Squadron constituted, 11 Dec 2006
Activated in the Reserve, 9 Jan 2007

STATIONS

Kelly Fld Annex, Lackland AFB, TX, 9 Jan 2007
Lackland AFB, TX

ASSIGNMENTS

433 Operations Group, 9 Jan 2007

COMMANDERS

Lt Col John L. Martino

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
[9] Jan 2007-31 Dec 2008

EMBLEM



On a disc as a globe Azure, gridlined Or, surmounted by a winged one-room school house Gules, wings, bell, window and clock trim Argent (Silver Gray), detailed Sable, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "DIVINITAS AB EDUCATIO" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "733D TRAINING SQUADRON" 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 globe represents boundless space, implying that there is no place unknown to the C-5 (aircraft/weapon system of the Squadron). The school house symbolizes the mission of the unit which is the first C-5 aircrew training school in the Air Force Reserve. The wings signify the mission of the unit which is to train aircrew. (Approved, 15 Sep 2010)

MOTTO

DIVINITAS AB EDUCATIO--Excellence In Training

OPERATIONS

Two new squadrons were added to the 26 existing units of the Alamo Wing. A ceremony marking the occasion was held February 6. The 356th Airlift Squadron and the 733rd Training Squadron are now a part of the C-5 Formal Training Unit, Kelly Field, Lackland AFB, TX. The 356th AS, previously assigned to Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, operated the C-141 weapon system. The 733rd TRS is a new designation activated at Kelly Field to provide administrative oversight to the students at the C-5 FTU. Both units gain traditions from the former C-5 FTU at Altus AFB, Okla., where C-5 aircrew training began in the 1960's. The process bringing the new squadrons to the Alamo Wing was a long one. Initially the concept was briefed to Congress in 2002, according to Lt.

Col. John Martino, 733rd TRS Commander. "It (bringing the new squadrons and the C-5 FTU to Kelly Field) was challenging and fun," said Lt. Col. Fred McMahon, 356th AS Commander. Colonel McMahon's squadron is responsible for the formal flying training courses and the instructors. "The initial Cadre is an awesome group of people," said Colonel McMahon. He explained the instructors and evaluators come from all across the Air Force. "Altus built a proud tradition," said Colonel Martino. "Here we are, the Reserve, with help from the active-duty (to take on the C-5 aircrew training mission). Quite a team." Colonel Martino spent some time working at the Air Force Integration office and knows first-hand that the mission requires more than just one unit doing a great job to be successful. "There were a lot of relationships built along the way," said Colonel Martino. He listed cooperative efforts from Air Mobility Command, Air Force Reserve Command and the 37th Training Wing, the host unit at Lackland.

Alamo Wing Steps Up C-5 Schoolhouse Operations The Air Force Reserve's 433rd Airlift Wing at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, gained two new squadrons Feb. 6. The wing is home to the Air Force's C-5 Galaxy schoolhouse. At a formal ceremony, the 356th Airlift Squadron and 733rd Training Squadron joined the Alamo Wing. The wing, which flies from adjacent Kelly Field, is now the service's C-5 formal training unit. The two units started operating at the base in November, and Air Force officials activated them Jan. 6. They operated as detachments while they built up their capabilities. The C-5 schoolhouse, which used to be at Altus AFB, Okla., is in session even as workers put the finishing touches on several buildings, according to a wing spokesperson. "What we want to build here is a true C-5 Galaxy University, to match and exceed the standard (set at Altus)," said Col. Del Lewis, 433rd Operations Group commander. The airlift squadron once trained C-141 Starlifter aircrews at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The Air Force reactivated the unit, which transferred its unit flag and patch to the Alamo Wing. At Lackland, the unit is responsible for conducting several C-5 training courses. Currently, students and instructors use a flight simulator housed in another building. Wing officials are installing a new C-5 full-motion simulator. Once that equipment is up and running, available training time will double, the spokesperson said. 2007

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