

# **3 BASE HEADQUARTERS AND AIR BASE SQUADRON**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

Air Base Squadron, 4 Air Base Group  
Redesignated 3 Air Base Squadron  
Redesignated 3 Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron  
Inactivated

## **STATIONS**

March Field, CA  
Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, NM

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Kenneth L. Cox

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

The Third Air Base Squadron arrived at Kirtland Field, April 10, 1941, from March Field, California. The Squadron then consisted of five officers and 112 enlisted men. Keeping pace with the consistent growth of the Field, the Third Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, as it was redesignated on July 19, 1942, has attained the distinction of being the largest squadron on the field. It is actually two squadrons combined: an Air Base Squadron and a Headquarters Squadron. The men charged with the responsibility of running headquarters and operational offices are drawn from the organization. Its functions differ from other squadrons on the field; the Third Air Base Squadron consists to a great extent of administrative and clerical personnel who are doing the same kind of work in the Air Corps in which they were skilled as civilians. The Group Mess is also operated by officers and enlisted men of the Third Air Base Squadron.

The commander, Maj. Kenneth L. Cox, is the fourth officer in charge of the squadron since its activation. Strictly a soldier, Major Cox is one of the most popular officers on the field. 1st Sgt. Harry K. Rutherford combines the qualities of being a good fellow, adviser, arbiter, and personnel man. He is aided by chief clerk, Sgt. John R. Nash, Jr.

Honor and esteem have been brought to the squadron through the athletic achievements of its members. The men have participated with noteworthy success in baseball, softball, tennis, track, football, and bowling.

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