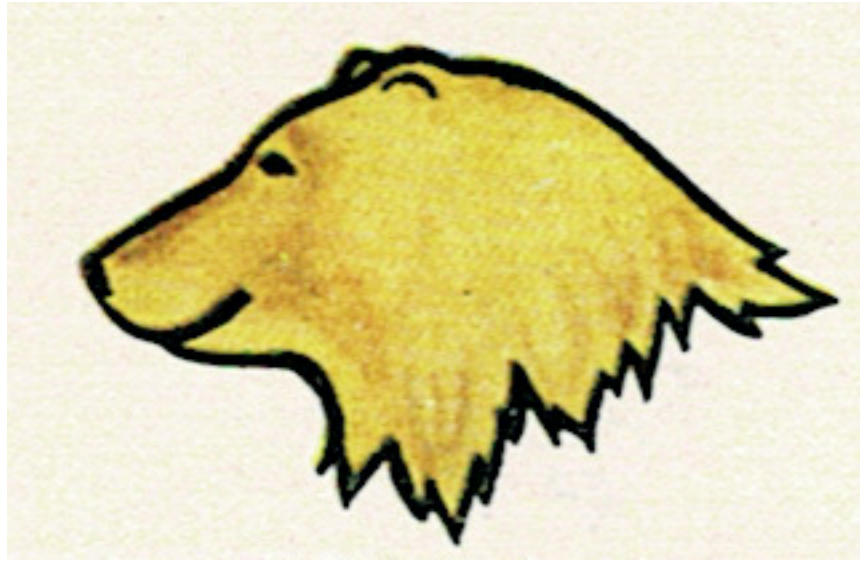


53 BASIC FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

53 Aero Squadron organized, 9 Aug 1917
Demobilized, 18 Mar 1919

53 School Squadron constituted, 6 Feb 1923
Activated, 31 Jul 1927
Inactivated, 4 Oct 1931
Activated, 12 Oct 1931

53 Aero Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 53 School Squadron, 14 Oct 1936.
Consolidated squadron designated 53 School Squadron

Redesignated 53 Basic Flying Training Squadron
Disbanded, 20 Apr 1944

STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX
Hazelhurst Field, NY
Not organized 1922-27
March Field, CA, 1927-31
Randolph Field, TX, 1931-41

ASSIGNMENTS

13 School Group
Air Corps Primary Flying School

WEAPON SYSTEMS

BT-9

BT-9

BT-13

BT-14

COMMANDERS

2nd LT Walter G. Plummer, 31 Jul 1927

Capt Lloyd N. Keesling, 10 Aug 1927

Capt Idwal H. Edwards, 1 May 1929

Capt John B. Patrick, 16 May 1930

Capt James A. Mollison, 20 Aug 1933

Capt Milo N. Clark, 15 May 1935

Capt John P. Kirkendall, 14 Jun 1937

Capt Herbert N. Newstrom, 4 Jan 1938

Capt Benjamin T. Starkey, 13 Dec 1938

Capt Arthur L. Smith, 1 May 1940

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Regular Army on 6 February 1923, assigned to the 13th School Group, and allotted to the Eighth Corps Area. Activated on 31 July 1927 at March Field, CA, with personnel from the 95th Pursuit Squadron and 44th Observation Squadron. Relieved from assignment to the 13th School Group on 30 April 1931. Inactivated on 4 October 1931 at March Field, CA. Activated on 12 October 1931 at Randolph Field, TX, and assigned to the Air Corps Primary Flying School. Consolidated on 14 October 1936 with the 53 Aero Squadron (a WWI unit organized on 9 August 1917 at Kelly Field, TX; demobilized on 18 March 1919 at Hazelhurst Field, NY; reconstituted on 14 October 1936).



Capt John P. Kirkendall

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