

USAF HELICOPTER PILOT SCHOOL

MISSION

LINEAGE

STATIONS

Randolph AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1956-1 Jul 1958

Sheppard AFB, TX, 15 May 1966-1 Aug 1972

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The USAF Helicopter school has been located in many locations since being established. The Black and White patch below was in the Air Training Command Manual 51-2, circa 1952, when the school was located at San Marcus TX. (The text and images below have been provided through the courtesy of K V Hall, John Flournoy and the USAFHPA).

When helicopters came on the scene in the early 1940's, they were a great novelty. To just imagine how they flew was mind boggling, thrashing about the sky and making lots of noise. Someone made the comment that they looked like a flying eggbeater. For a time they were

referred to as "eggbeaters". Walt Disney studios created many designs for insignia during World War II and apparently someone asked them to come up with a cartoon type design to represent the helicopter. Thence emerged the concept of the "flying eggbeater" piloted by a Disney gremlin. The design floated around for awhile and in the 1950's began to show up frequently in the USAF Helicopter School. A patch was made up and unofficially adopted as the School Patch. Former instructor pilots, mostly retired, that at one time were assigned to the USAF Helicopter School were the founders of USAFHPA. The "Flying Eggbeater" was adopted as their official logo.

When the Helicopter School moved to Stead AFB NV the two patches above evolved from the original design. There are some that think there may have been a patch where the "eggbeater" was headed in the opposite direction. This well could have been the result of the image being turned over when the badge was made. The USAF ROTORHEADS are very appreciative of the USAFHPA providing us with these images and words. It is all a part of Air Force helicopter history and we are honored to be associated with such a fine organization.

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