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## Warhawk Trivia

IN FEBRUARY OF WHAT YEAR DID LACKLAND REDUCE BASIC MILITARY TRAINING TO JUST A FEW DAYS?



"GATWAY TO THE AIR FORCE"

Since February 1946, the claim of Lackland Air Force Base being "The Gateway to the Air Force" has been an accurate description. From this time, Lackland has been responsible for the military indoctrination of all basic trainees. An exception to this being when manpower needs increased significantly, such as with the Berlin Airlift and the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam – during this time basic training shifted elsewhere to accommodate the need.



## Featured Warhawks:



Previously designated as the 3702d Basic Military Training Squadron organized on 16 February 1953, redesignated as the 322d Training Squadron 1 April 1994. The eagle on the emblem symbolizes the unit's dedication to support the Air Force through training and the outstanding achievements accomplished by unit personnel in training the very best for the Air Force.

*Motto: Second To None*

## The Creation of Airmen!

20 February 1950, Gen Hoyt S. Vandenberg ordered that from this day on, enlisted personnel of the United States Air Force would be called "Airmen" so that they could be distinguished from that of the Army's "Soldiers" and the Navy's "Sailors"; however, former Air Force enlisted personnel were still referred to as "Soldiers".



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Make a stop at your local 37<sup>th</sup> TRW Office of History & Research for a chat with your Wing Historian & receive a copy of "Hoyt S. Vandenberg: The Life of a General" by Phillip S. Meilinger!!



# LACKLAND'S SOUTHEAST ASIA AIRPARK

## RB-57 "CANBERRA"



The UK Electric Canberra inspired, Martin built aircraft came in response to the needs of the Air Force for an all-weather interdiction aircraft during the Korean conflict. Various versions of this historic aircraft served in the USAF from 1953 through the early 1970's (though NASA still has two modified WB-57 in use today as high altitude research aircraft).

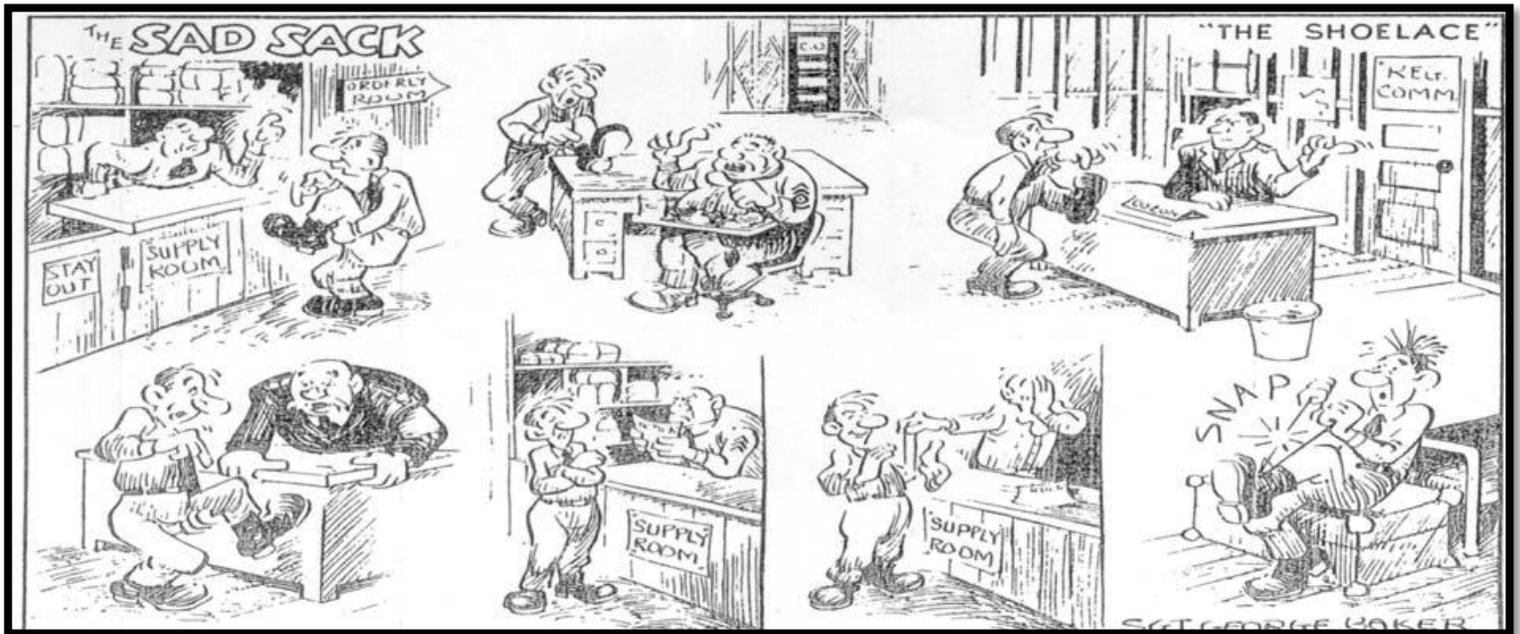
*"The power of an air force is terrific when there is nothing to oppose it"*  
-Winston Churchill



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### Our history at a glance:

- 1940: The Army Air Corps activated the 37th Pursuit Group at Albrook Field, Panama.
- 1950: Air Training Command approved the addition of 55 hours of mathematics instruction for BMT.
- 1966: Amarillo AFB became the second BMT location as Lackland personnel were sent there following a meningitis outbreak on the installation.
- 1970: Sergeant William E. Fallon was killed in action during a mortar attack at Phu Cat Air Base Vietnam. He was the only enlisted member killed in action while serving in the wing.
- 1980: Vice Chief of Staff, Gen Robert C. Mathis directed the suspension of wearing grade insignia by students undergoing BMT, OTS and AACP.



### TRIVIA ANSWER: 1951

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