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Lackland Talespinner 1942:

Before becoming a fictional medical officer on the most famous ship of the line, he served his country with stripes on his arms in the Army Air Corps!

WHO IS HE?



KELLY KATIES

After World War II began, Kelly Field saw the departure of the majority of male personnel to the war fronts. Women quickly filled the jobs left by the men and eventually made up 40% of those working on Kelly. Known as "Kelly Katies," they did just about everything from grounds maintenance to engine overhauls.



Featured Warhawks:

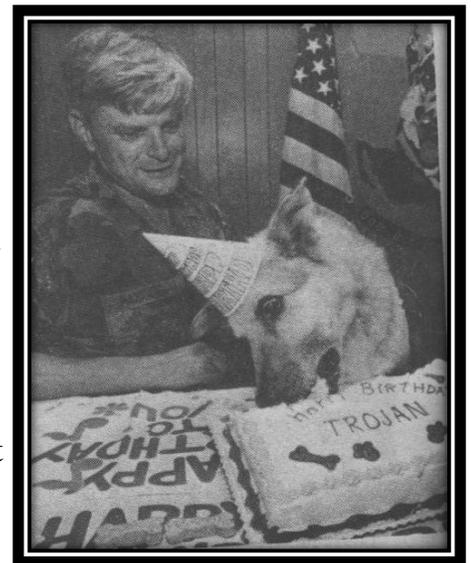


Initially established as the 3791st Dental Training Squadron on 29 Jan 1992, the unit has historically been known as the "Dental Squadron" as they train both assistants and lab techs supporting the worldwide Air Force dental program.

Motto: Never Outdone

Trojan Retires!

Enjoying his birthday cake, 15 year old "Trojan," retired on 28 April 1989. The four legged military member was trained in 1975 and served tours at four locations before returning to Lackland. The expert explosives professional had a paw in training more than 250 MWD handlers in his time at Lackland and was touted as one of the best at the job.



Visit the Southeast Asia Airpark...

Located off of Truemper street near the Airman's Gate, nine aircraft with service during the Vietnam era including the RB-57 "Canberra"

Our history at a glance (April):

- 1944: The last issue of the *Yardbird* appeared. The staff of the base enlisted paper consolidated with the Aviation Cadet School and the *Talespinner* paper.
- 1947: The first 47 Turkish officers arrived on Lackland to receive English language training along with their preflight training.
- 1953: HQ Air Force activated the 37th Wing at Clovis Field, New Mexico.
- 1977: The BMT school instituted the “Buddy System.” The system paired two trainees after in-processing and assigned them to adjoining bunks; they became responsible for helping each other through training.
- 1980: President Jimmy Carter went to Wilford Hall Medical Center visiting Airmen injured in the failed Iranian hostage rescue attempt.

BG Frank G. Lackland



Brigadier General Frank Lackland passed away at Walter Reed Hospital on 27 April 1943. The general was the commanding officer at Kelly in 1938 and it was his idea to establish a specific training area for both aviation cadets and enlisted personnel adjacent and southwest of Kelly Field.

37TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING DEBUT

F-117A ‘NIGHTHAWK’



The 37th Tactical Fighter Wing conducted the public unveiling of the F-117A “Stealth Fighter” aircraft at Nellis AFB, Nevada on 21 April 1990. The wing had already flown the Nighthawk in the early morning attack against the Panamanian Defense Force barracks during Operation Just Cause on December 1989.

“If our air forces are never used, they have achieved their finest goal.”

Gen Nathan F. Twining



CARTOON FROM THE LACKLAND TALESPIINNER APRIL 1953

****TRIVIA ANSWER: JACKSON DEFOREST KELLEY (JAN 1920 – JUN 1999)****

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