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## WING TRIVIA

Which aircraft did not see service in the 37th Pursuit Group / Fighter-Bomber Group / Tactical Fighter Wing?

- A. McDonnell Douglas F-4 "Phantom"
- B. Convair B-58 "Hustler"
- C. Lockheed F-117 "Nighthawk"
- D. Curtiss P-40 "Warhawk"



## The First Woman in the Air Force



On 8 July 1948, during the first hour on the first day that regular AF duty was authorized for women, Ester Blake became the first woman in the United States Air Force. Prior to this, she had joined the Army Air Forces in 1944 upon notification that her older son had been shot down in a B-17 over Belgium. Her service in uniform continued until 1954 when she separated. However, her service to America progressed as she worked for the VA at Montgomery, AL until her death in 1979.

## Featured Warhawks:



### Defense Language Institute ELC

Established on Lackland by the Department of Defense on 1 July 1966, the men and women of the Defense Language Institute English Language Center maintained the responsibility of teaching the English language to international personnel both here and in their home countries. DLIELC remains a world class institute, building bridges through communication and peace through understanding and shaping tomorrow's future today.

### July 1947:

Most of the base populace formed the Hap Arnold Living Emblem on the parade field. The famed San Antonio photographer E. O. Goldbeck took the famous photograph from a special stand created to get the best angle for the shot.



## Our history at a glance (July):

- 1947: The installation was redesignated as Lackland Air Base.
- 1950: USAF BMT expanded to Sheppard AFB to handle the large numbers of recruits.
- 1981: Golfers found a pre-WWII 25lb fragmentation bomb near the 12th hole on Lackland's golf course; the relic proved a reminder from when the area was part of a bomb range for pilots from the former Kelly AFB.
- 1997: The first combined flight of men and women began participating in all aspects of basic training.
- 2001: San Antonio's Air Logistics Center was formally inactivated and the area west of the runway became known as the Kelly Field Annex.



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14 July 1966: Lackland entered the computer age with the arrival of the Univac 1050-II computer to the 3700th Supply Squadron. Lackland was a test base for the Sperry-Rand computer; AF Logistics Command began moving them to other bases in the early 1970's.

## The Air Force Summer Uniform



In July 1952, recruits from a number of flights experimented (reluctantly?) with various summer uniform combinations including white fatigues and clearly the most popular, shorts.

\*Click here to see more:

[USAF BMT Flight Photograph Project](#)

## Medal of Honor Monument



Located on the parade Field, the Medal of Honor Monument was dedicated in 1996 and has the names of all Army Air Service and Air Force personnel who have been awarded this honor from World War I through Vietnam.

**"IF OUR AIR FORCES ARE NEVER USED, THEY HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR FINEST GOAL"**  
GEN NATHAN F. TWING

\*\*\*\*TRIVIA ANSWER: B THE WING NEVER FLEW THE "HUSTLER"

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