

LACKLAND DECADE SERIES

1960's

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OFFICER TRAINING



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Chronology: 1960-1969



Chief
Master Sergeant



Senior
Master Sergeant



Master Sergeant



Technical Sergeant



Staff Sergeant



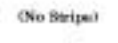
Airman First Class



Airman
Second Class



Airman
Third Class



(No Stripes)

Airman Basic



1 Jan 1960- Air Training Command discontinued the 3746th Pre-Flight Training Squadron (Language) and activated in its place, the Language School, USAF.

1 June 1960- Air Training Command established the USAF Chaplain School, and assigned it to the Officer Military Schools, USAF.

1 Aug 1960- The Supply Management and Procurement Mission (Animals), Office of the Quartermaster General, US Army, transferred to Lackland. It was responsible for procuring dogs for the sentry dog program.

1 Aug 1961- Air Training Command designated the recently acquired tract on Medina Base as the Lackland Training Annex.

21 Jun 1963- The Officer Candidate School graduated its last class.

29 Jun 1964- The Air Force accepted Lackland's first permanently constructed chapel, Bldg. 10338 (Chapel #7).

5 Oct 1964- Basic Military Training became a 6-week, single phase course.

15 Nov 1965- Basic trainees began weapons training on M-16 rifles, ending the era of M-1 carbine training.

14 Feb 1966- Amarillo AFB became the second basic military training center as Lackland personnel were sent there following a meningitis outbreak at Lackland. The first flights began training there on 27 February.

1 July 1966- The USAF Chaplain School discontinued and moved to Maxwell AFB.

1 July 1966- Air Training Command discontinued the Language School and assigned all resources to the newly established Defense Language Institute English Language School.

14 July 1966- The computer age dawned on Lackland with the delivery of a UNIVAC 1050-II computer to the 3700th Supply Group as part of an automation and centralization program.

11 Dec 1968- The 3330th BMT school at Amarillo AFB graduated its last basic trainees.

Lackland AFB – 1960 to 1969

Active BMT Squadrons

After the unbelievable strain put on Lackland due to the Korean conflict in the 1950s, the 1960s represented a relatively calm setting for the basic and technical training accomplished at Lackland. One major revision occurred in the Basic Military Training program in 1960. The training period was cut to eight weeks, consisting of a five-week phase I at Lackland and a three week phase II at the technical school. The phase program was set up in 1955 and never fully implemented except at Lackland. The phase program officially ended in 1964 after the new BMT six-week single phase program took effect in late 1963.

A rather special era ended at Lackland in May 1960, when Pre-Flight Class 61-02N departed for Harlingen AFB, Texas. This marked the end to pre-flight training at Lackland, which was the initial mission of the base in 1941.

The Atomic Energy Commission, which owned Medina Base, transferred 231 acres of land and 88 buildings over to Lackland. The Officer Training School, which had been experiencing growing pains, moved from the main base to Medina. The Commission relinquished the rest of Medina to Lackland in 1966.

No other item in the 60's compared to the incident that occurred at Lackland in February of 1966 with the death of a basic trainee. An airman died of spinal meningitis and while ten other cases were confirmed, no further deaths were reported. Virtually all non-essential activities requiring gatherings of basic trainees were canceled. And to further control the issue, Lackland sent a cadre of personnel to continue the basic training mission at Amarillo AFB, Texas, in February 1966. Amarillo remained open for the business of basic training until November 1968 and closed in December that year.

The important military construction program continued at Lackland with the five new 1,000-man recruit housing and training (RH&T) dormitories. These state-of-the-art buildings included living areas, dining halls, classrooms and training areas for an entire basic training squadron -- all under one roof.

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The future 43rd President of the United States, George W. Bush, was a BMTS honor graduate in May 1968.

60s FACTOID
John J. Jankas Jr., from Chicago was the one-millionth Air Force enlisted recruit.
October 1964

