

FRANK DORWIN LACKLAND

Lackland Air Force Base dates from 26 June 1942 when the War Department separated the area of Kelly Field lying west of Leon Creek and made it an independent installation, naming it the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center. On 11 July 1947, the base was Named in honor of Brig. Gen. Frank D. Lackland (former Kelly AFB commander), who had Originated the idea of an aviation cadet reception and training center for Kelly.



While the initial primary mission of the base concerned the training of officers, enlisted training became the principle mission in 1946 when Headquarters Army Air Service Consolidated enlisted training on Lackland. However, in the coming years, the Korean and Vietnam Wars severely tested Lackland's capacity to train recruits.

Lackland gained its first permanent technical training responsibility in May 1954, when the USAF Recruiting Course began courses. The base received its first technical training unit on 20 November 1956, when the 3275th Technical Training Group transferred from Parks AFB, California, bringing with it all air police training.

Lackland continued to grow throughout the twentieth century with expanded technical training and incorporating new tenant units that conduct a vast number of valuable missions for the United States Air Force.

Today Lackland AFB is home to more than 80 units with missions encompassing all US service branches and personnel from allied nations.



Lackland is the home of all USAF Security Forces training



USAF BMT Flight Photograph Project



See the current collection on-line at:
www.bmtflightphotos.af.mil

Guess who trained at Lackland?!



International Training at Lackland:

Inter-American Air Forces Academy



Defense Language Institute English Language Center

Military Working Dogs are trained here for the Department of Defense and our allies!

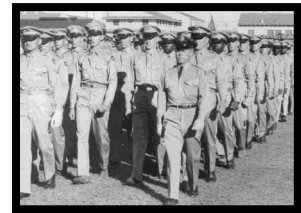


Ready to adopt a former Military Working Dog?
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Historic Lackland



Home of USAF Enlisted Training



37th Training Wing Office of History & Research
Joint Base San Antonio Lackland

THE AIRMAN HERITAGE MUSEUM



This unique collection highlights the history of Basic Training, the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center and Kelly Field. Specific collections include historical Air Force uniforms, art collections and well depicted history of Lackland.

THE SECURITY FORCES MUSEUM



Dedicated to all USAF Security Forces members, this impressive collection highlights the tools and experiences of the largest career field in the Air Force. Airmen at the Security Forces Academy spend time in the museum gaining a firm foundation of their past.

THE MILITARY WORKING DOG MONUMENT



On the Lackland parade field, this monument represents U.S. Armed Services MWDs from all wars since WWII; it encompasses a 3,000 sq ft granite plaza, with five bronze sculptures and a granite history wall detailing the story of the military working dog program.

THE MEDAL OF HONOR MONUMENT



On the north side of the parade field, in-between and slightly behind the B-17 Flying Fortress and the B-24 Liberator the tall, dark obelisk has inscribed on its face all aviation related Medal of Honor recipients since WWI.

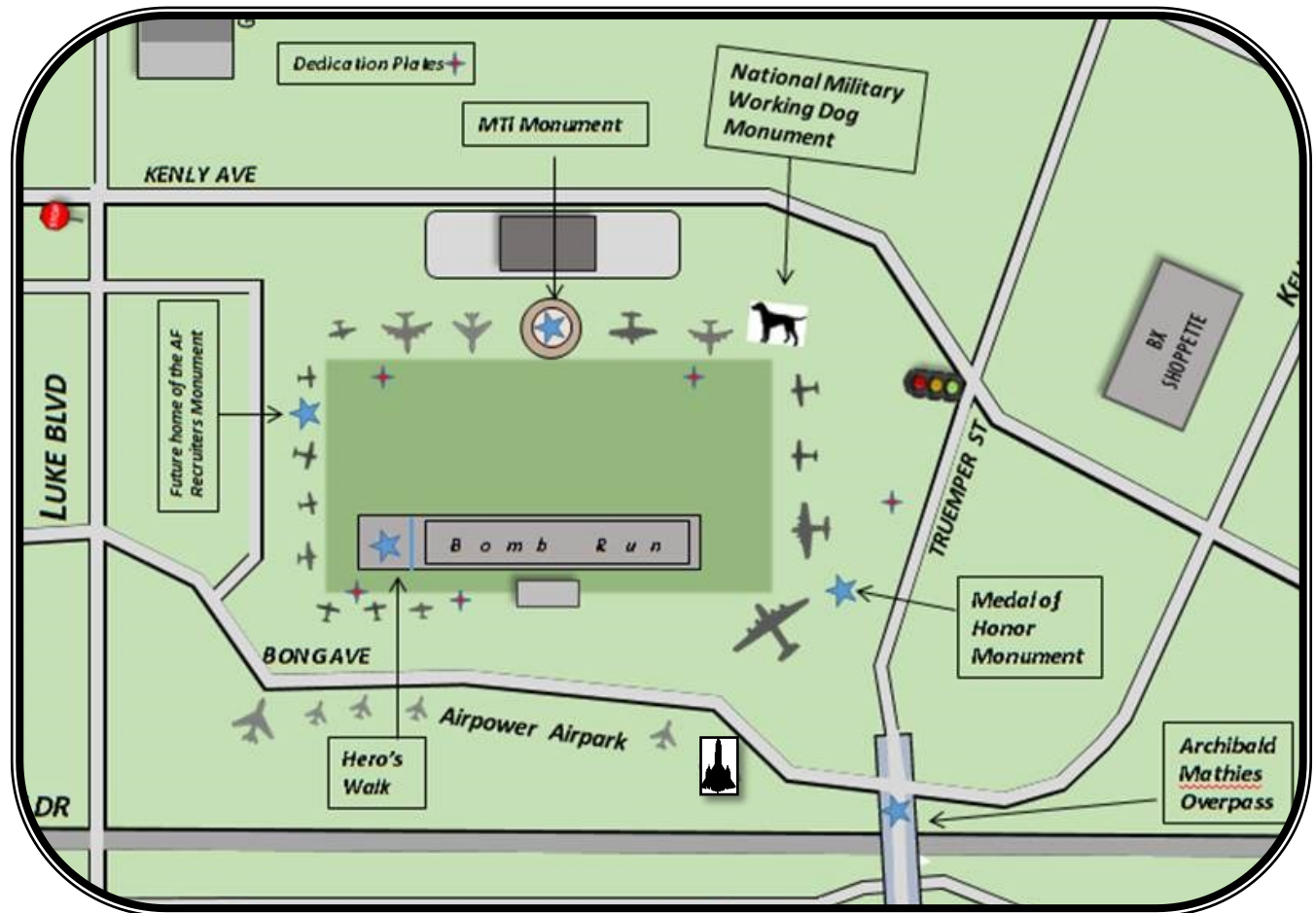
THE MILITARY TRAINING INSTRUCTOR MONUMENT



In the center of the flag mass on the parade field, this monument stands for the best of all Air Force MTIs through time. Included on the monument circle is a granite block with bronze name plates dedicated to the top MTIs, the Blue Ropes of Lackland.

Learn more about Lackland online:
www.37trw.af.mil/about/history

THE LACKLAND PARADE FIELD



“Mobilization Open Bay Barracks” or “MOBs” - used extensively on Lackland from the late 1940s through the early 1980s.



Airman Training Complexes (ATCs) - the new 1,200 person, state-of-the-art face of Lackland.



“Tar Paper Shacks” - 1940s
 These were, essentially, drafty tents with hard floors!



“Recruit Housing & Training Dorms (RH&Ts) - Constructed in the late 1960’s (some are still used today!)”

What to see and do at Lackland!

Where We Lived...