

Chronology 2010-2019:



Jan 2010—BMT graduates bound for Keesler AFB technical training began flying via two commercially chartered jets from Kelly Field.

April 2011 – The Air Force Uniform Board approved the replacement of BMT issued military dress Oxfords (leather) shoes with corfram ‘high-gloss,’ military Oxford shoes.

July 2011—Four female Afghan National Army officers arrived on Lackland to receive English language training at DLIELC before attending rotary wing flight instruction; the women were the first ever to achieve such positions within the Afghan National Army.

Sep 2011—The 937th Training Group activated on Ft Sam Houston; the Wing’s newest group was responsible for Air Force Nursing and Health Services Administration officer courses and enlisted medical training.

Apr 2012—The Air Advisor Academy activated at McGuire AFB; it was the sixth group under the 37th Training Wing.

7 Dec 2012—The first Airman Training Complex (ATC) opened and was occupied by the 323d Training Squadron.

April 2013—Admiral William H. McRaven, Commander, US Special Operations Command visited the 342 TRS and observed training and conducted an office call with the wing commander.

Sep 2014 – The last class of students to go through the combat arms skill training course graduated at Camp Anderson-Peters. The course relocated to the Expeditionary Center at Ft Dix, New Jersey.

Feb 2015—The first class of Afghan students began the A-29 maintenance course at IAFA.

Jul 2015—The Air Advisor Academy departed from the 37 Training Wing and consolidated with the USAF Expeditionary Center.

May 2016—Gen Mark A. Welsh III, USAF Chief of Staff granted approval of the formation of the Battlefield Airmen Training Group and subsequent training squadrons.

Jul 2016—The Director of AF training for the Royal Saudi Air Force, Maj Gen Khalid Mohammed Al Saqally, signed a directive approving use DLIELC’s American Language course curriculum for use throughout the RSAF.

Oct 2017—Trainees began receiving 25oz ‘Camelback’ water bottles to replace the long standing canteen.

Apr 2018—Eight Afghan students began aviation maintenance training at IAFA.

Oct 2018— “Airmen’s Week,” officially ended as the last group of BMT graduates completed the one week, post-BMT course.

Aug 19—A CV-22 “Osprey” from the 58th Special Operations Wing (58 SOW), Kirtland AFB, New Mexico landed near the 344 TRS; the aircraft arrived on Lackland and provided students from the Special Mission Aviator course, hands-on experience in working this particular airframe.

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Lackland AFB 2010 to 2019

The face of Lackland continued to change with the ground breaking and initial construction of the first two Airman Training Complexes (ATC); The planned construction called for the creation of eight ATCs along with four Dining /Class room facilities at a cost of nearly \$900M. By 2019, the 'east campus,' was completed with four ATCs and two Dining/Class room facilities along with the Pfingston Reception Center that contained a number of BMT support personnel and was the first place recruits arrived and processed at upon arriving on Lackland. The reception center was also the focal point of all visiting BMT family members to see the various graduation events on the installation.

The Wing added the 937th Training Group to the family in 2011 with its focus on medical training the Group was physically located on Ft Sam Houston within the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC). The three training squadrons (381st, 382d, 383) under the Group maintained responsibility for Air Force officer and enlisted medical training as well as the training of Department of Defense medics to support worldwide warfighter capabilities.

On 1 May 2012, the Wing received its sixth group with the activation of the Air Advisor Academy (AAA), which was headquartered at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The mission of the Group provided relevant and flexible education and training that prepared and motivated air-minded professionals to assess, train/educate, advise, assist and equip partner nations in the development and application of their aviation resources. The time with the 37th proved short-lived as the AAA received a re-assignment and consolidated with the USAF Expeditionary Center on 10 July 2015.

During this decade, a revised program of the US Immigration & Naturalization process began within BMT that allowed time for all of the key areas necessary for a Trainee immigrant to become a US citizen; the required administrative work would be accomplished in BMT while a culminating Naturalization ceremony occurred before the Coin & Retreat ceremony on Thursday mornings (Family Days).

The Battlefield Airmen Training Group activated in the Wing on 2 June 2016 marking the first Air Force organization dedicated solely to training the service's ground component at Lackland. The Group was spread across eight geographically separated squadrons and detachments in seven states including the 350th Battlefield Airmen Training Squadron (BATS) (initial entry course) at Lackland, the 351st BATS pararescue training course at Kirtland AFB, NM, the 352d BATS Combat Control/Special Operations Weather training at Pope Army Airfield, NC, the 353d BATS Tactical Air Control Party course at Lackland and the Detachment 1, BATG training support squadron at Lackland. The Group inactivated with the 37th on 10 October, 2018 as the personnel all joined the newly activated Special Warfare Training Wing.



Active BMT Squadrons

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