



The Team Lackland Historian

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Lackland Air Force Base Trivia

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



Who is he?

Yes, one of three names is acceptable!

Email your answers to 37trw.ho@lackland.af.mil.
Winner will be selected randomly and awarded a prize.

March 2018 correct answer: A Carey Grant

March 2018 Trivia Winner
Mr. Gregory Pavlik 502 ISG/JA
(Wins a \$10 AAFES Gift Card)

This months featured Team Lackland unit:



182d Fighter Squadron

Activated in 1943, the 182d Fighter Squadron, a unit of the 149th Fighter Wing at Kelly Field is equipped with the F-16C/D “Fighting Falcon” aircraft. The historic unit was engaged in action during WWII in support of Normandy and flew combat operations during the Korean War, in fact, the unit was given credit as the first ANG unit to shot down a MiG-15 enemy aircraft.



Nickname: *Lonestar Gunfighters*

Kelly Air Force Base History 5 April 1917



On 5 April 1917, one day before the US entered WWI, four JN-4Ds (“Jennies”) slid down from the skies of San Antonio to land at Kelly Number 1. The four pilots included Captain Bert Atkinson, Captain Carl Spaatz, Mr. Eddie Stinson and Captain George Reinberg. Still without hangars, the pilots slept under the wings of their aircraft as the base started to form.

President Jimmy Carter visits Wilford Hall 28 April 1980



President Jimmy Carter visited an airman burned in the aborted hostage rescue attempt in Iran at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center. Known as OPERATION EAGLE CLAW, the failure of the mission led to the creation of the US

Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) and the US Army’s 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (aka “The Night Stalkers”).

Lackland Memorial

27 April 1943

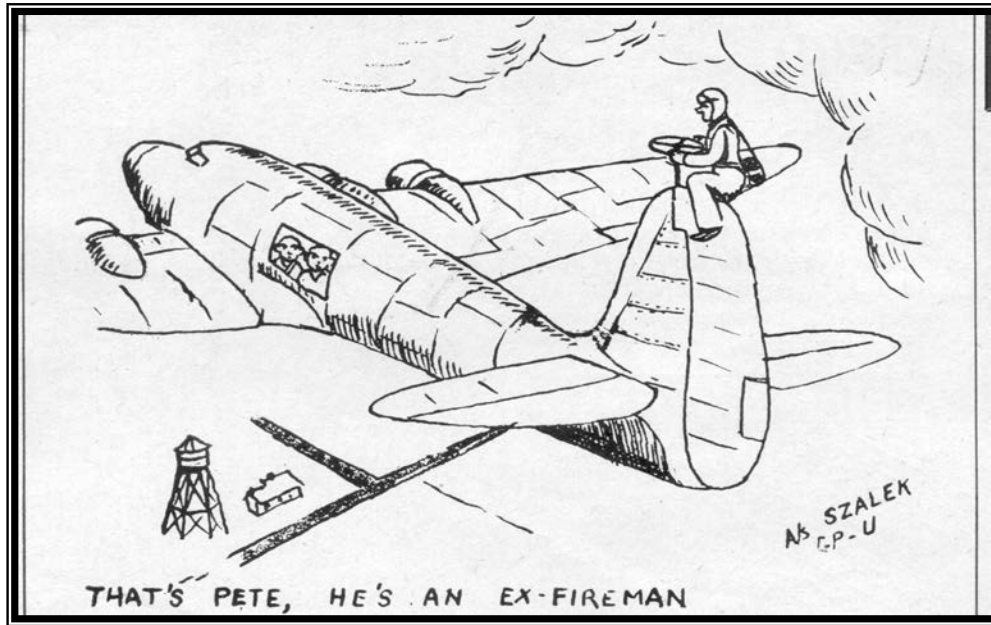


The namesake of our installation, Frank D. Lackland died at Walter Reed Hospital, 27 April 1943. General Lackland was the commander of Kelly Field in the late 1930's when he decided to expand aviation cadet training to the vacant land west of Kelly Field. The base would be renamed in his honor 11 July 1947.

25AF History: "Phyllis Ann" Missions



April 1966: The USAF named the new program, Airborne Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) – "Phyllis Ann" The reconnaissance missions, flown by modified, unarmed EC-47s, gathered valuable real-time intelligence used for tactical exploitation in identifying and locating enemy positions.



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"Airplanes can barely keep themselves in the air. How can they then carry any kind of load?"

William Pickering, Astronomer (1908)

