



The Team Lackland Historian

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Lackland Air Force Base Trivia



This individual enlisted in the Army in 1898 and learned to fly airplanes, in part, through correspondence with the Wright brothers; he also became the first Chief of the Air Corps and was responsible for bringing military aviation to San Antonio.

Who is this aviation pioneer?

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

Jan 2018 correct answer: C. RB-57 Canberra

January 2018 Trivia Winner
MSgt Alexander Sotak 37 TRW/SE
(Wins a \$10 AFFES Gift Card!)

This months featured Team Lackland unit:



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Kelly Field History OPERATION HOMECOMING



Flights bringing former American POWs from Vietnam began arriving on 12 Feb 1973 to Kelly AFB. Crowds of well wishers were kept to a minimum, but the excited family members made each arrival a festive occasion.



Overcrowding at Lackland (Feb 1951)



The Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, headed by Senator Lyndon Johnson, found conditions at Lackland satisfactory but denounced Air Force recruiting policies that had led to the overcrowded conditions. In the immediate aftermath of the start of the Korean conflict (June 1950), Air Force Recruiting 'opened the doors,' allowing a veritable flood of young people who wanted to join the new service to arrive on Lackland. In later years, Historians called the busy situation on Lackland the 'Korean Blitz.'



Lackland's Global Airpark

The *First* F-15 Eagle!



Located in the Global Airpark behind the parade field Lackland is home to the very first F-15; tail # 71-0280 first flew on 27 July 1972. This aircraft is painted as an F-15C from the 58th TFS of Eglin AFB from 1991; Captain Cesar Rodriguez flew a similar aircraft during Desert Storm downing a MIG 23 and 29.



YF-15A-1 MC Eagle, 71-0280 in flight, 3 Aug 1972

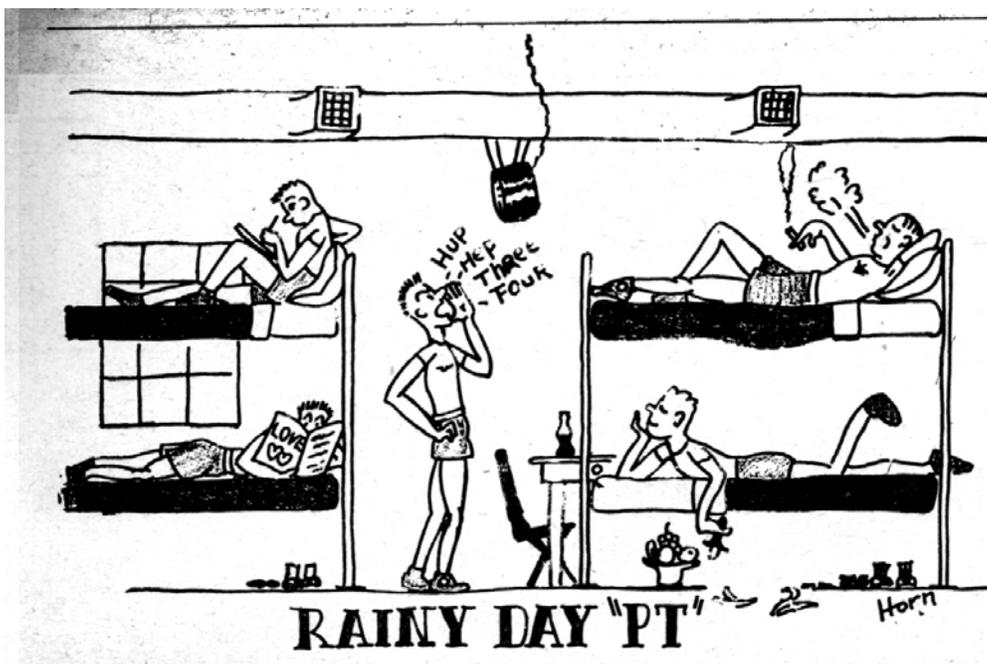
Influenza at Lackland!



February 1978: More than 400 trainees required hospitalization due to the effects of the 'flu bug' that came to Lackland. Basic training officials restricted trainees to train only with sister flights; there were no unsupervised recreational activities and all base and town liberties were cancelled.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE "JET INJECTOR"?

An invention from the US Army ©



First published in the Lackland Talespinner 19 Feb 1944
(The cartoon depicts Aviation Cadets hard at rest!)

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"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value."
-Marshal Ferdinand Foch (1911)

