306th Flying Training Group Open House

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12:00-5:00 P.M.

Academy Airfield
United States Air Force Academy, Colorado
Commander, 306th Flying Training Group  
*Colonel Dale E. Hetke*

Commander, 306th Operations Support Squadron  
*Lt Col Chiafei V. Wu*

Commander, 1st Flying Training Squadron  
*Lt Col Michael R. Maeder*

Commander, 94th Flying Training Squadron  
*Lt Col Jeremy R. Lushnat*

Commander, 98th Flying Training Squadron  
*Lt Col Sean P. Baerman*

Commander, 557th Flying Training Squadron  
*Lt Col Travis D. Keenan*

98 FTS-Jump  
UV-18B  
Jump Platform

557 FTS-Powered Flight  
T-41  
Flying Team/Aero Support

T-51  
Flying Team

T-53  
Basic Trainer
The 306th Flying Training Group was originally designated as the 306th Bombardment Group. Activated in Mar 1942, the 306th became one of the pioneer units involved in the Air War in the European Theatre. It was first over Germany, often without fighter escort, striking targets deep into the heart of the Third Reich. The B-17s of the 306th supported many campaign offensives such as the Battle of the Bulge, the airborne assault across the Rhine and destruction of the German Air Force and its supporting industries. For its outstanding combat record, the 306th was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster and six campaign stars. The 306th Bombardment Group was inactivated in Dec 1946.

The 306th Bombardment Wing, activated at Andrews AFB, MD in Jul 1947 became part of the Strategic Air Command. In 1948, it was transferred to MacDill AFB, FL where it maintained a primary mission of heavy bombardment transition crew training in the B-29.

As B-52s replaced B-47s, the 306th Bombardment Wing was inactivated at MacDill AFB and immediately activated at McCoy AFB, FL in Apr 1963, as a B-52 and KC-135 unit.

During the cold war, the 306ths' primary mission at McCoy AFB was deterring nuclear attack on the US by maintaining constant ground alert, and flying frequent cycles of airborne alert.

Final inactivation of the 306th Bombardment Wing began in 1973 and was completed in Jul 1974.

The 306th has a rich history of dedicated service to protect the freedoms we Americans enjoy. The accomplishments of the 306th in its more than seventy years of history, through a World War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War and strategic refueling and reconnaissance support to the Air Force and Department of Defense, are cause for all who served in the 306th to be extremely proud.

The 306th has been a Bomb Group, a Bomb Wing, a Bombardment Wing, and a Strategic Wing. Now it is a Flying Training Group. In a ceremony at the US Air Force Academy on 4 Oct 2004, the Air Force activated the 306th and established the 306th Flying Training Group, assigned to the 19th Air Force, Air Education and Training Command (AETC), Randolph AFB, TX. In Jul 2012, the 19th Air Force was deactivated. In advance of this, on 5 Jun 2012, the 306th Flying Training Group was realigned under the 12th Flying Training Wing. On 1 Oct 2014, AETC reactivated 19th Air Force.

The current mission of the 306th Flying Training Group is to develop airmanship, leadership, and excellence through aviation. The 306th vision is to be the premier leadership development organization in the AF, motivating and challenging future warriors. To accomplish this, the 306th provides management and oversight of USAFA airmanship programs involving 2,500 cadets at the United States Air Force's busiest airfield with 26,000 sorties and 150,000 events logged annually. The group is responsible for conducting Air Force Initial Flight Training (located in Pueblo) and ensures soaring, parachuting, and powered flight course standards and objectives contribute measurably to leadership and character development of officer candidates.
306th FTG Compilation Video
Watch incredible video footage of our cadets as they train in all three airmanship programs

94th, 98th, 557th FTS Display
Meet the Wings of Blue parachute team, Flying Team, and Acro and Sailplane racing team with complete displays of uniforms and equipment

Aircraft Static Displays
TG-16B Glider
TG-15A Glider
T-51 (Cessna 150)
T-53 (Cirrus SR20)
Piper Super-Cubs
DA-20 (Katana)
T-6 (Texan)

Tower Tour
Restroom
DV and Disabled Parking
Additional Parking