

Initial Welcome Package

12th Training Squadron

JBSA Randolph, Texas



Training-Flight Contact Information

DSN: 487-9371

Commercial: 210-652-9371

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29 January 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL STUDENTS

FROM: 12th Training Squadron Training Manager

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter

1. Congratulations on your assignment to JBSA Randolph. We look forward to meeting you and helping you make this transition as seamless as possible. **Please call us a few days prior to your arrival.** Our T-Flight numbers are DSN: 487-9371 and Commercial: (210) 652-9371. We are located in building 740 Room 9 and 13A (see map attached). The 12th TRS does not provide sponsors to incoming Lieutenants, but the T-Flight Leads can answer any questions you may have regarding information in this packet or the in-processing process. Upon arrival to the base during duty hours (0800-1630), see the Student Leads first to begin in-processing. Please arrive during duty hours on or before the report no later than date (RNLTD) on your orders. We will then provide you with additional in-processing information and checklists that will make the rest of your base in-processing easier. Wear blues (short/long sleeve with pants/or skirt) when you report.

2. **Billeting:** Make your billeting reservations as early as possible. If you have trouble with the billeting office, contact us for further assistance. You can reserve up to 30 days of billeting (DSN: 487-1844, Comm: (210) 652-1844).

3. **Housing:** Contact the housing office, whether you plan to reside on base or off. They will provide a relocation package with valuable information about the local area. Call (DSN: 487-1840, Comm: (210) 652-1840) or email angela.cline_upton@us.af.mil or ruth.solis_larrea@us.af.mil for more information.

4. **Training Timeline:** Upon arrival, you will be in casual status while awaiting your RPA Flight Training (RFT) class start date. Here's a quick rundown of generally what to expect in the training pipeline (which is subject to change):

A. The RPA pipeline consists of three courses: RFT (Remotely Piloted Aircraft Flight Training or UP2AA), RIQ (Remotely Piloted Aircraft Instrument Qualification or UP3AA) and RFC (Remotely Piloted Aircraft Fundamentals Course or UP4AA). RFT is taught by Doss Aviation in Pueblo, CO. RFT is an approximately eight-week out and back TDY. You'll PCS to us 2-4 months before your Pueblo RFT start date to allow time to complete the necessary in-processing tasks and to cut orders to Pueblo. You'll also need some of that time to secure housing so you have a place to live when you return from RFT. **If you want to study something, Boldface and Ops limits for the DA-20 aircraft on the Doss website would be time well spent.**

B. After RFT at Pueblo, you'll return to us for Phase 2 - RIQ (approximately 12 weeks) and for Phase 3 - RFC (approximately 4 weeks). You should expect to be at Randolph for approximately 12-18 months.

5. Training is challenging, exciting, and very rewarding. In order to complete the program, you will need to be totally committed to the Air Force and to learning the RPA mission. We look forward to helping you on your way toward earning your wings!

Mr. Florentino Gonzales
12th Training Squadron Training Manager



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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL STUDENTS

FROM: 12th Training Squadron T-Flight Lead

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter

1. Welcome to the Greenhorns. Our goal is to make sure you are well prepared for your respective phase of training.
2. While in T-Flight, show time is from 0830-1000. You will be assigned to a casual job within the squadron or farmed out to another location/unit on base during your casual time. There is ample time to complete your in-processing paperwork and still study up for training, so no need to worry about juggling both things.
3. Here are a few basic rules while in T-Flight:
 - A. You MUST check-in every work day with the appropriate accountability chain of command.
 - B. When the T-Flight Lead asks or tells you to do something, it is directly from senior leadership.
 - C. You MUST have Service Dress and it must be ready to go at all times.
 - D. If you have questions don't hesitate to ask the Leads. They are there to assist you through the process and provide you with the information you need to succeed in training. The Transition flight number can be called at any time during duty hours to assist with any questions you may have.
4. In order to complete the program, you will need to be totally committed to the Air Force and to learning the flying mission. Training is challenging, exciting, and very rewarding. This path begins with time in Student Section, use that time wisely and set yourself up for success. Work together to succeed and enjoy your time in Student Section.

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12th Training Squadron T-Flight Lead



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Initial Reporting-In

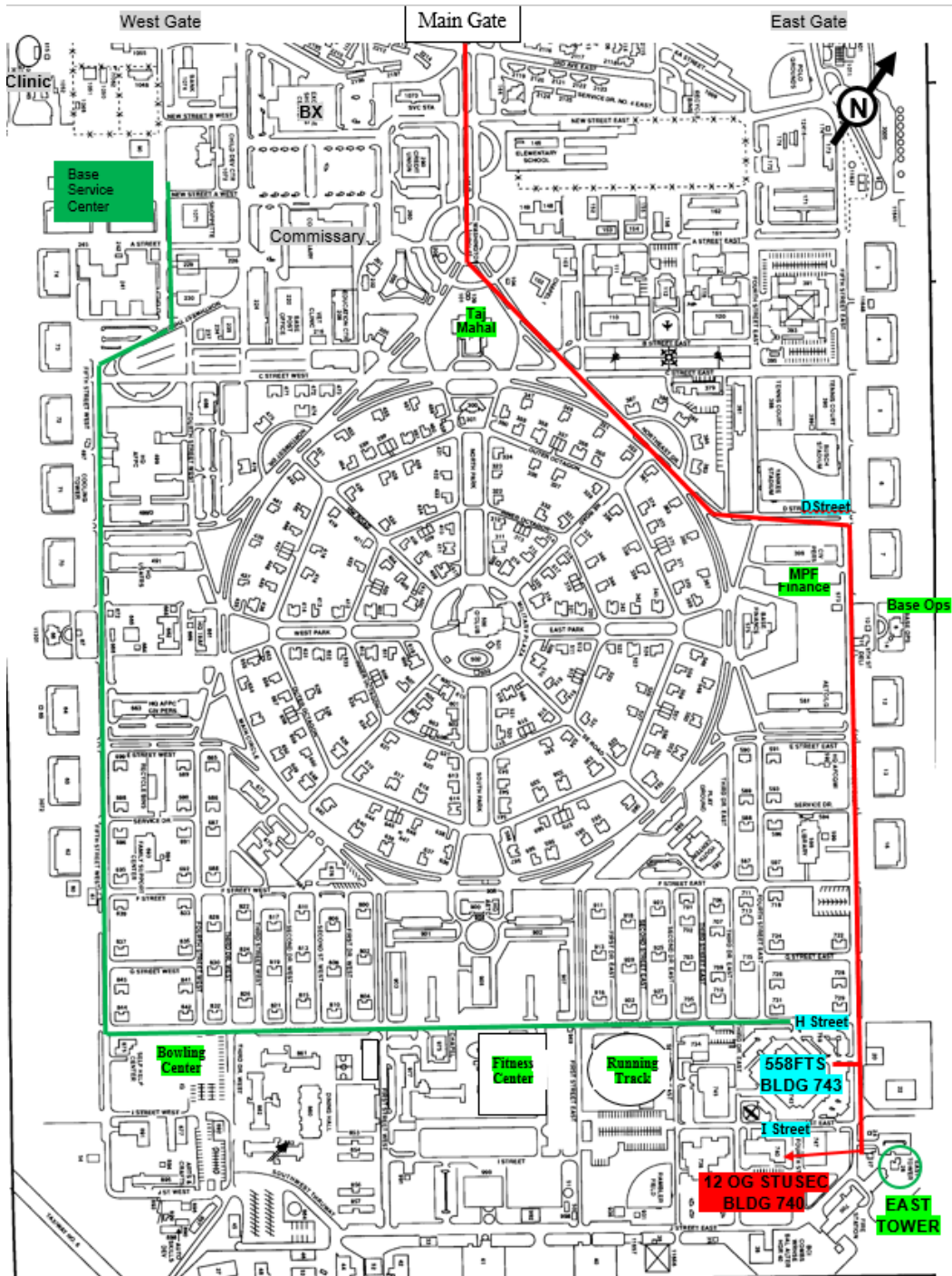
1. Uniform of the Day: Short sleeve/long sleeve blues
2. Report to T-Flight, Room 13A, Bldg. 740 Time: 0900
T-Flight Phone Number: (210) 652-9371
 - a. Reference attached detailed maps
 - b. Bring all necessary paper work that you will need during base in-processing:
 - i. All medical and dental paperwork (to include full shot records)
 - ii. Family Documents (Marriage Certificate, Birth Certificates, Social Security Cards, etc. (Originals))
 - iii. Flight physicals
 - iv. 6 copies of your orders and amendments
 - v. Empty and full weight tickets if you did a partial or full PPM(DITY) move
 - vi. PCS travel receipts (gas, lodging, etc.)
 - vii. You will need to know your routing number and bank account numbers
 - viii. CSA/GTC Account Number
 - ix. All documentation provided by your losing base/detachment
 - IV. EAD Orders
 - V. Oath of Office
 - VI. Reserve Orders
 - VII. DD 214 or NG B 22 (if prior service)
 - x. Copy front/back of FAA Private Pilot License, civilian flying hours total, flight frequency, and date of last civilian flight (if applicable)
3. Upon arrival, you will be introduced to the ADO in-charge of all casual students as well as other RPA students on casual status. A more detailed in-processing package will be provided to guide you through your in-processing
4. You will be given 10 days of time at that point to complete all tasks related to in-processing the base and getting yourselves and your families situated prior to being assigned a casual job somewhere around JBSA Randolph



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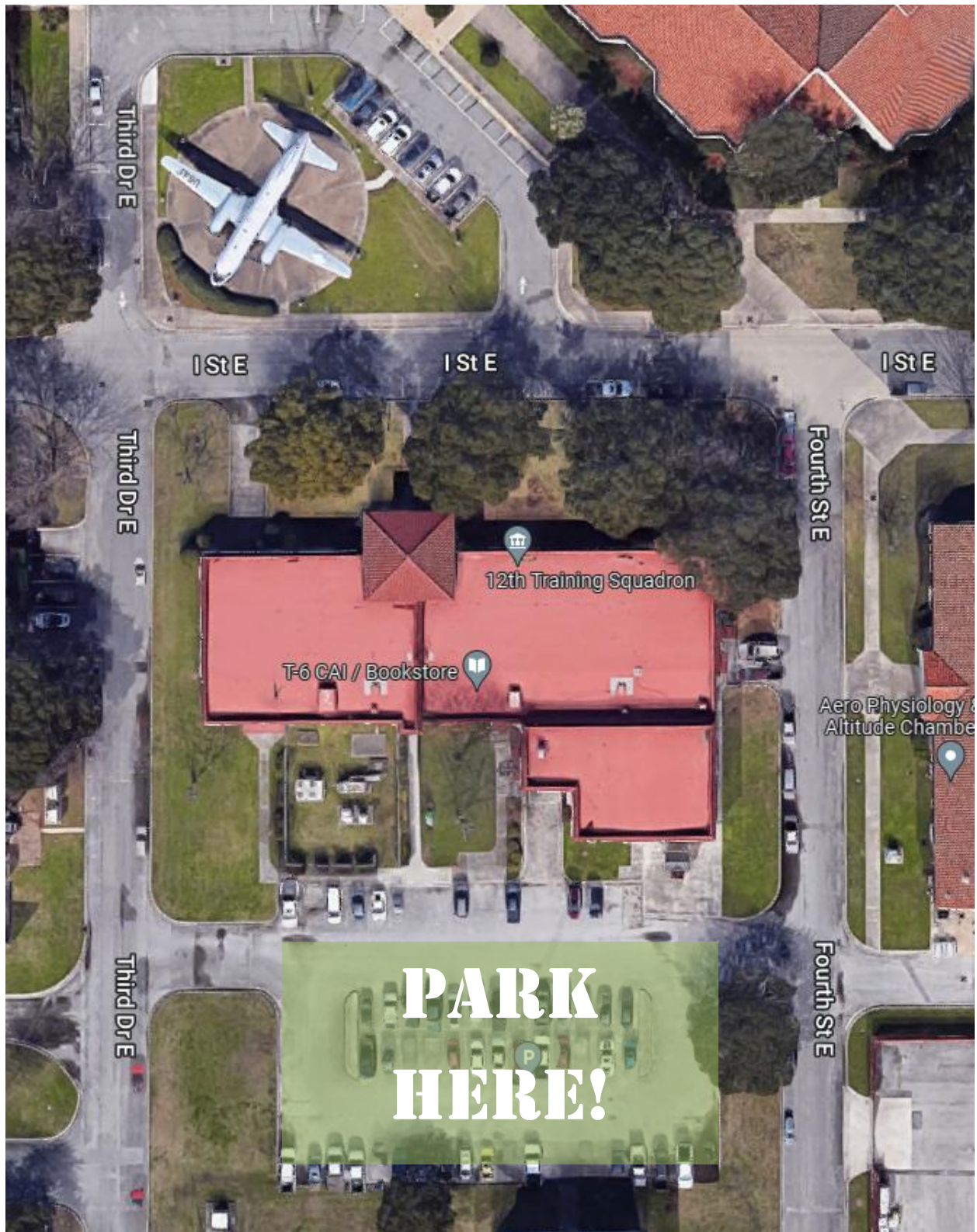
Detailed Map to the 12th TRS

Upon Arrival



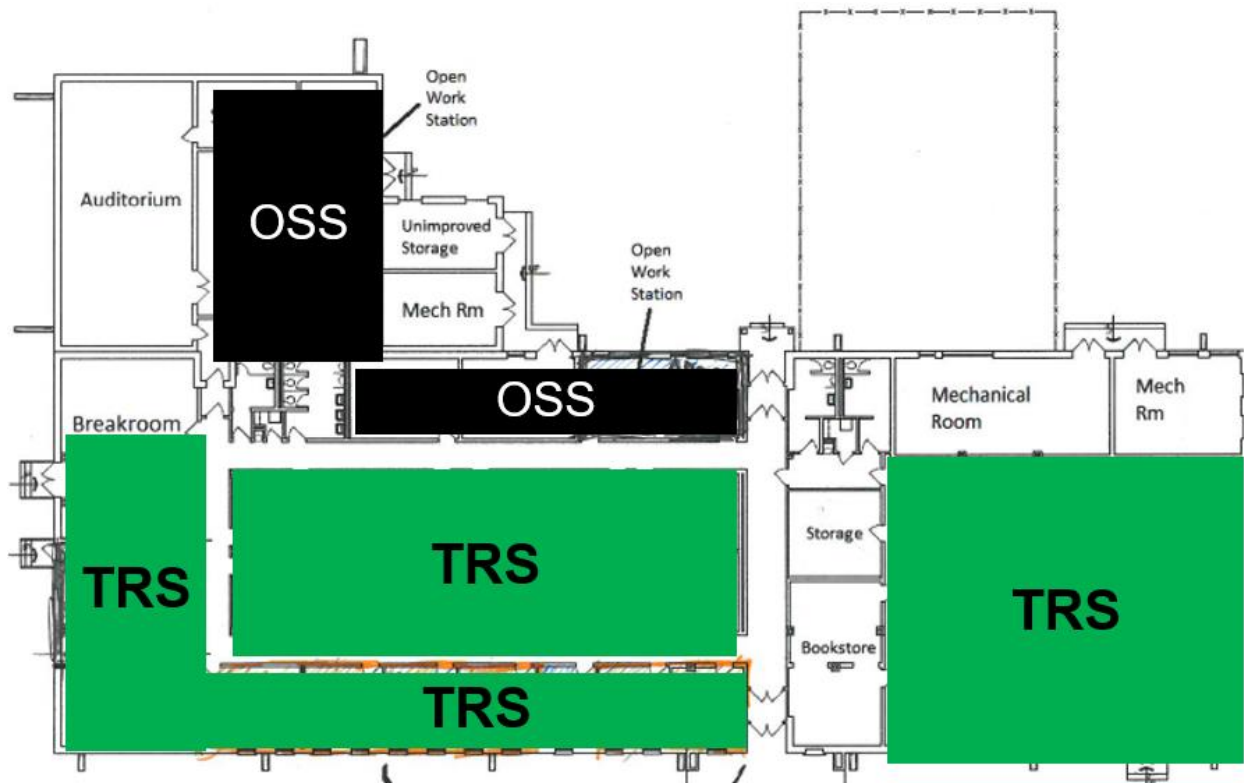


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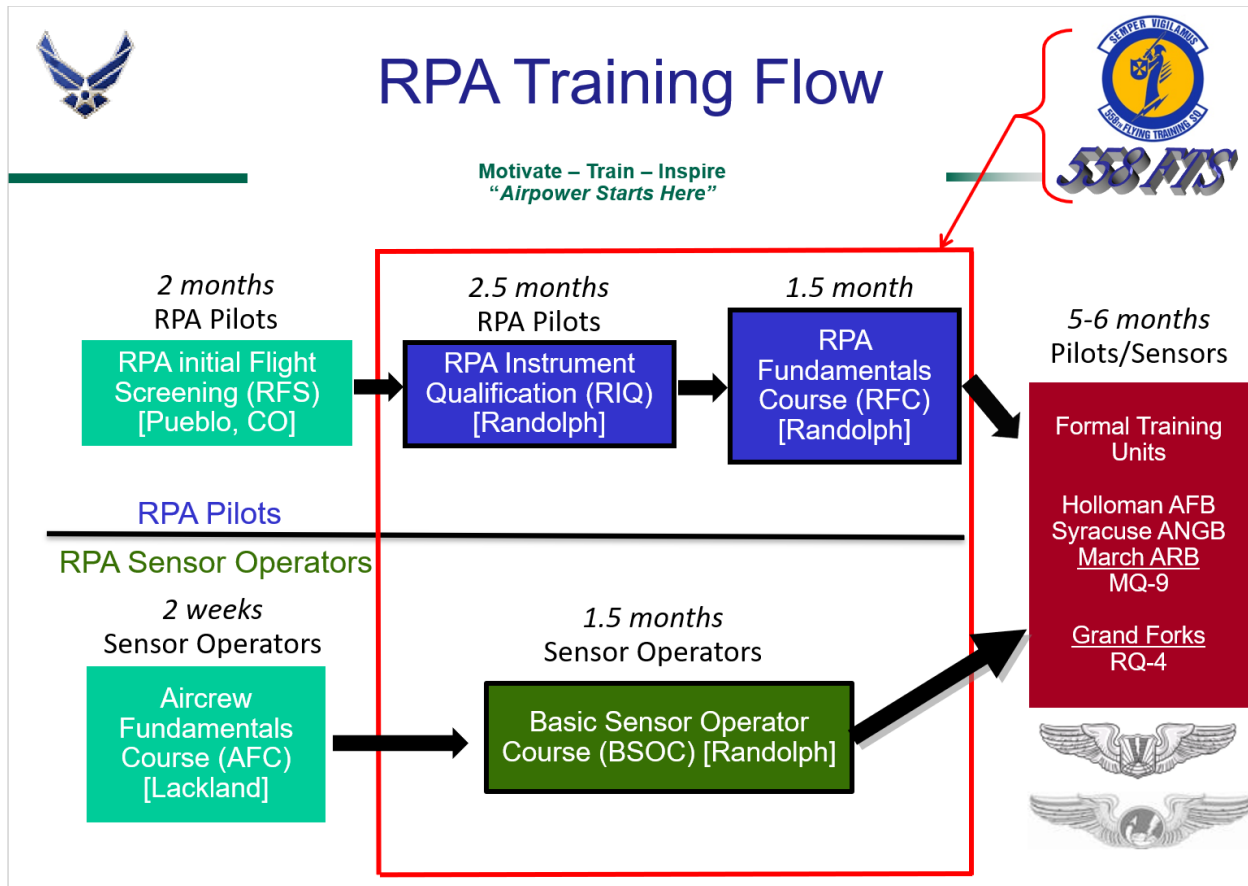




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RPA Pilot Training Flow

RPA initial Flight Training (RFT) at Pueblo, CO is a TDY assignment for approximately two months. Here, you will fly the DA-20 in a military training environment.





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Possible USAF Aircraft following URT

MQ-9 Reaper



Creech AFB (Las Vegas, Nevada)
Cannon AFB (Clovis, New Mexico)
Ellsworth AFB (Rapid City, South Dakota)
Whiteman AFB (Knob Noster, Missouri)
Shaw AFB (South Carolina)
Hurlburt Field (Florida)

RQ-4 Global Hawk



Grand Forks AFB (Grand Forks, North Dakota)



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Pilot Training Lingo

Disclaimer: The following is a breakdown of the terms and acronyms commonly used by student pilots. We provide no guarantee that you will be able to fully understand all conversations with every pilot you encounter. However, this guideline will greatly help those who wish to have a better understanding of what goes on in the daily life of a student pilot. Good Luck!

Assignment

Night: AKA “drop night” An entertaining night when students find out what their operational assignment will be (usually aircraft and location). Spouses are encouraged to attend this exciting event.

Boldface: Critical action items from the aircraft operating manual that students must memorize exactly for safety of flight.

Chair-fly: Flight “practice” in which the student mentally runs through the entire flight as if he/she were actually there (frequently involves sitting in a chair in front of a cockpit poster and talking)

Check Ride: Flight with an evaluator pilot that tests a student on his/her ability to perform the procedures that have been taught up until that point.

Contact: Initial flying phase where the student flies primarily off of ground references and includes landings, stall practice, and aerobatics.

Cross

Country (XC): Simulator training mission to familiarize students with various airfields around the country.

Dash-One: Detailed information manual about the aircraft.

DNIF: “Duties Not to Include Flying.” Pronounced “duh-niff.” This usually means due to medical reasons (cold, flu, etc.) they are temporarily unable to fly.

Downgrade: A grade deduction based on a student’s performance on a given action that failed to meet the training standards. Ex. 5 downgrade Good.

EPQ: Emergency Procedures Quiz; a weekly test with 20 questions focusing on a particular study assignment (can only miss 3 to pass).

FTS: Flying Training Squadron (i.e. 558 FTS).

FTU: Formal Training Unit. This is where you will receive training on the particular RPA he/she has been assigned to. This is usually a TDY for you.

FTW: Flying Training Wing. You are in the 12th FTW.

GK: General Knowledge. This is subject matter about everything we do; systems, emergency procedures, daily maneuver details, etc.

RFT: RPA initial Flight Training. A two month course in Pueblo, CO where URT bound students must first master a single engine trainer. Sometimes this is referred to as just “IFS.”



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RIQ:	RPA Instrument Qualification course. Approximately 2.5 months long. This course is conducted at JBSA Randolph.
RFC:	RPA Fundamentals Course. Approximately 1 month long. This course is conducted at JBSA Randolph.
RPA:	Remotely Piloted Aircraft.
Gradebook:	The collection of grades based on student flying performance; each flight is graded and entered here.
Hook:	Refers to when a student's overall performance is unsatisfactory. Other terms used might include "bust," "taco," and "unsat."
Instrument Sortie:	Student flies the aircraft without looking outside in order to simulate flying in the clouds.
IP:	Instructor Pilot.
Opted for:	This means that a student is able to fly a certain simulator mission because they have completed the prerequisite.
PCS:	Permanent change of station. Usually occurs every three years, when you move to your next base.
SA:	Situational awareness, or the ability to process what is going on around you and then make any necessary changes.
Sim:	Short for simulator; essentially a very expensive flying video game that enables students to practice flying without being in the actual aircraft.
Solo:	Any flight in which there is only one person flying the aircraft.
Sortie:	A flight that includes a takeoff and a landing.
Stand-up:	Time when the student is given an emergency scenario in which the student must demonstrate GK and bearing while the student is solving the emergency. The student must perform this while standing in front of his/her peers as well as all the instructors.
TDY:	Temporary duty assignment. Can last for a couple of days up to one year. Think of it like a business trip.
Un-sat:	This is a sortie in which the student receives an unsatisfactory overall grade or "U." Students receive a "U" for performing a maneuver or number of maneuvers unsafely, incorrectly, or a combination of the two.
URT:	Undergraduate RPA Training.
USEM:	Unit Standardization and Evaluation Monitor. A flight IP designated to administer the stand-ups and EPQs.



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Useful Contact Information

T-Flight

Bldg. 740 Rm 11

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Base Operator

DSN: 487-1110

Commercial: 210-652-1110

Billeting

DSN: 487-1844

Commercial: 210-652-1844 or 1-888-AF-LODGE

Website: http://dodlodging.net/vt_randolph.htm

Housing

DSN: 487-1840

Commercial: 210-652-1840

Website: www.randolphfamilyhousing.com

Finance

DSN: 473-1851

Commercial: 210-671-1851

Military Personnel Flight (MPF)

Commercial: 210-652-1845

Registrar

Commercial: 210-652-8108