



344th Military Intelligence Battalion History



The first official Army presence at Goodfellow Air Force Base was on 25 March 1966 when the U.S. Army Security Agency Training Center and School, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, activated the Army Detachment at Goodfellow AFB. With an authorized strength of only 1 officer, 1 warrant officer, and 23 enlisted members, the unit began receiving Army personnel for intercept/translation skills training by 09 April 1966.

By the end of 1976, Army training at Goodfellow AFB increased dramatically. In September 1975, tri-service training was further consolidated when the Signals Analysis and Cryptanalysis courses were moved from Fort Devens to Goodfellow AFB. In mid-1976, technical training for Army operator and maintenance personnel for the STREAMLINER automated communications system began at Goodfellow AFB. On 01 October 1976, the Goodfellow Detachment was resubordinated and became the Goodfellow Detachment, U.S. Army Intelligence School Fort Devens (USAISD).

During August 1977 further development of tri-service training resulted in the transfer of Radio Teletype Analysis Training from Fort Devens to Goodfellow AFB.

Effective 01 June 1983 the Goodfellow Detachment, was redesignated the U.S. Army Intelligence Battalion with more than 600 soldiers assigned. The reorganization created a headquarters section and two companies, "A" and "B."

On 15 January 1987 the unit underwent another resubordination, becoming the 3d Battalion, 2d School Brigade (USAISD). Effective 15 March 1987 the 3d Battalion, 2d School Brigade (USAISD) was redesignated the 3d Battalion, 112th Military Intelligence Brigade. On 24 April 1987 the 3d Battalion activated a third company, Company C.

On 01 December 1988 a fourth company, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, was activated by the 3d Battalion, 112th Military Intelligence Brigade.

The 3d Battalion, 112th Military Intelligence Brigade (Training) was redesignated as the 344th Military Intelligence Battalion, 112th Military Intelligence Brigade (Training) on 25 May 1990.

As a result of declining strength, Headquarters and Headquarters Company was inactivated leaving the battalion with three companies on 04 May 1991.

On 01 October 1992 the 344th Military Intelligence Battalion was resubordinated to the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

The Pensacola Detachment was resubordinated to the battalion on 08 January 1993 and became D Company, 344th Military Intelligence Battalion.

In addition to the primary mission of training MI linguists (35P), analysts (35N), Signal Collection/Identification analyst (35S), and Army-engineer firefighters (21M), the 344th MI Battalion has supported numerous additional missions, including Operations JOINT ENDEAVOR and JOINT GUARD. On 20 July 1992, the 344th MI Battalion's commitment to excellence was recognized with the Army Superior Unit Award.

Today, the 344th Military Intelligence Battalion stands committed to send the gaining units the most thoroughly trained and highly motivated soldiers possible. Through professional noncommissioned and commissioned officers, today's soldiers carry the necessary tools to excel them in the 21st Century.