

During World War II, an average of 200 cadets and 75 personnel remained on the airbase. Joint management of the air base continued; the Raymond-Brinkerhoff Aviation Company controlled the flying instructors and buildings, while the Army had control of the mechanics, cadets and hospital. By 1943, The main field had grown to 3500' X 3500' with four auxiliary fields. With 10 barracks added in 1942, additional barracks began construction in 1943. When Brinkerhoff resigned from Raymond-Brinkerhoff, the company was reorganized into the Raymond-Richardson Aviation Company. The base continued to grow to 22 buildings and three hangars. An estimated total of 7,000 cadets graduated from the 63rd Army Air Force Flight Training School. 63rd cadets flew in all theaters of the War, were decorated for valor, and many made the ultimate sacrifice. In December, 1944, the base returned to a civilian complex in the City of Douglas. Over the years, the base serviced a variety of purposes from a major league baseball spring training camp, housing for local college instructors, government office space, and remained a window back to a former time. A time before they were heroes and became part of the Greatest Generation.

The WWII Flight Training Museum is located at 3 Airport Circle Douglas, GA adjacent to the Douglas Municipal Airport (KDQH) and the Douglas-Coffee County Veterans Park.



# WWII FLIGHT TRAINING BASE AND MUSEUM HOME OF THE 63RD AAF FLYING TRAINING DETACHMENT

*“The most intact and unaltered WWII Contract Flight Training Base in Georgia and possibly the entire country!”*

*In December 2003, local citizens interested in history and aviation gathered to protect the site of the Raymond-Richardson Aviation School and formed the 63rd Preservation Society. The City of Douglas Airbase Preservation and Development Committee joined in the efforts to preserve the base and honor those who served here. In March 2013, the site was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Today, work continues to preserve this legacy.*

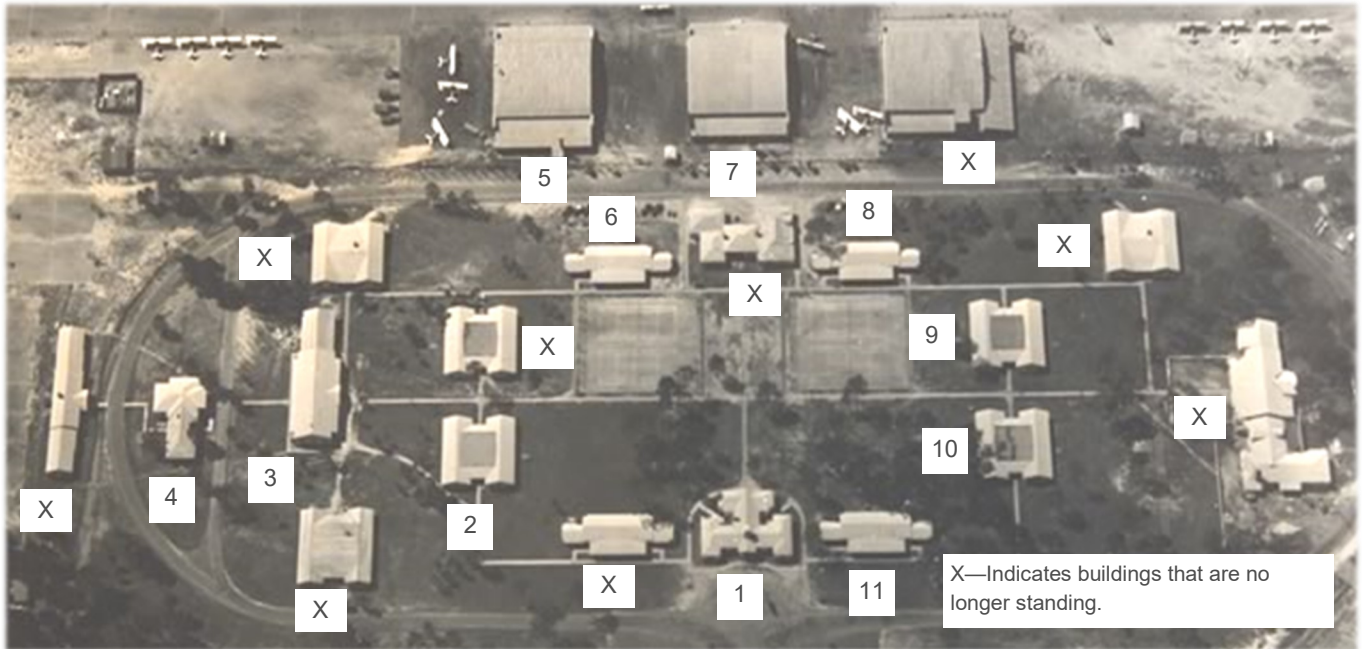


WWII Flight Training Museum is one of ten sites featured on the Georgia WWII Heritage Trail. [www.georgiawwiitrail.org](http://www.georgiawwiitrail.org)

**“BEFORE THEY WERE HEROES”**



# “WALK WHERE CADETS LEARNED TO FLY AND PREPARED FOR COMBAT”



X—Indicates buildings that are no longer standing.

The goal of the City of Douglas Air Base Preservation and Development Committee is to identify, evaluate, and plan for rehabilitation, adaptive use, and restoration of the historic structures at the air base. We hope to protect the historical integrity and to increase awareness of this hidden jewel within our community. The end results will hopefully create a “village concept” that will attract visitors from across the nation to this historic landmark. The below list is not all inclusive of the usage ideas made by community leaders, Air Base Preservation Committee, 63<sup>rd</sup> Preservation Society, or the citizens of Douglas and Coffee County. The suggested list is intended to be a starting point of what is hoped to eventually become an attainable development. All building sites are marked to show their purpose during the 1940’s. Make a tax deductible donation for the restoration of this historic Air Base. Go to either [www.wwiiflighttraining.org](http://www.wwiiflighttraining.org) or [www.cityofdouglasga.gov](http://www.cityofdouglasga.gov).



1. Administration Building—Used for Headquarters. Current Usage: Youth Achievement Academy.



2. Barracks 5—Used for housing for cadets. Future Usage: Professional Services and Aviation.



3. Classroom—Used for cadet instruction. Future usage: Conference Space



4. Infirmary— Small hospital used for eye exams, dentistry, and pharmacy. Future usage: Office Space



5. Hangar 3 of the original 3 hangars. Current & Future Usage—Brooks Aviation



6. Barracks 2—Housing for cadets. Future Usage: Aviation



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8. Barracks 3—Housing for cadets. Future Usage: Aviation



9. Barracks 4—Housing for cadets. Current Usage: Child Advocacy Services.



10. Barracks 8—Housing for cadets. Current Usage: Family Counseling



11. Barracks 7—Housing for cadets. Current and Future Usage: WWII Flight Training Museum