FACT SHEET

U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet
AIR COMBAT COMMAND

Air Combat Command, with headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, Va., is a major command created June 1, 1982, by combining its predecessors Strategic Air Command and Tactical Air Command. ACC is the primary provider of air combat forces to America's warfighting commanders.

Mission
Air Combat Command is the primary force provider of combat airpower to America's warfighting commands. To support global implementation of national security strategy, ACC operates fighter, bomber, reconnaissance, battle-management, and electronic-combat aircraft. It also provides command, control, communications and intelligence systems, and conducts global information operations.

As a force provider, ACC organizes, trains, equips and maintains combat-ready forces for rapid deployment and employment while ensuring strategic air defense forces are ready to meet the challenges of peacetime air sovereignty and wartime air defense. ACC numbered air forces provide the air component to U.S. Central, Southern and Northern Commands, with Headquarters ACC serving as the air component to Joint Forces Commands. ACC also augments forces to U.S. European, Pacific and Strategic Command.

Personnel and Resources
More than 96,000 active-duty members and civilians make up ACC's work force. When mobilized, more than 57,000 members of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, along with about 859 aircraft, are assigned to ACC. In total, ACC and ACC-gained units fly more than 2,000 aircraft.

Organization
ACC's forces are organized under a direct reporting unit, three numbered air forces and one Air Force Reserve numbered air force. The command operates 15 major bases, including tenant units on 13 non-ACC bases throughout the United States. ACC also has responsibility for inland search and rescue in the 48 contiguous states. The ACC commander is the component commander of U.S. Air Forces - Joint Forces Command and U.S. Strategic Command.

Numbered Air Forces
First Air Force, or Air Forces Northerm, with headquarters at Tyndall AFB, Fla., has responsibility for ensuring the air sovereignty and air defense of the continental United States, U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. As the continental United States Region, or CONR, for the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, 1 AF (AFNORTH) provides air defense in the form of airspace surveillance and airspace control. First AF is also the designated air component for U.S. Northern Command.

AFNORTH rapidly responds to non-military threats under the Defense Support to Civil Authorities, or DSCA, mission. The organization assists civilian agencies before and during emergencies, natural or man-made disasters, and other DOD-approved activities. Operating with the 601st Air and Space Operations Center, the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center serves as...
the U.S. inland search and rescue coordinator and is the single agency responsible for coordinating on-land federal searches. These search and rescue operations can be conducted anywhere in the 48 states, Mexico and Canada. The Civil Air Patrol is a significant partner in search and rescue and other DSCA missions.

Other First Air Force (AFNORTH) units include the 601st Air and Space Operations Center, the 702nd Computer Support Squadron and the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Tyndall AFB, the Northeast Air Defense Sector in Rome, N.Y.; the Western Air Defense Sector at McCord AFB, Wash.; Det. 1, 1 AF, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and 722nd Air Defense Squadron, North Bay, Canada.

**Aligned wings:**

119th Fighter Wing, Hector Field, Fargo, N.D.: MQ-1, C-21
Det. 1, 119 Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, Va.
120th Fighter Wing, Great Falls International Airport, Mont.: F-16
125th Fighter Wing, Jacksonville IAP, Fla.: F-15
Det. 1, 125 Fighter Wing, Homestead Air Reserve Station, Fla.
142nd Fighter Wing, Portland IAP, Ore.: F-15
144th Fighter Wing, Fresno Air National Guard Base, Calif.: F-16
Det. 1, 144 Fighter Wing, March Air Reserve Base, Calif.
147th Fighter Wing, Ellington ANG Base, Texas: MQ-1, C-26
148th Fighter Wing, Duluth IAP, Minn.: F-16
158th Fighter Wing, Burlington IAP, Vt.: F-16
177th Fighter Wing, Atlantic City IAP, N.J.: F-16
101st Information Operations Flight, Salt Lake City IAP, Utah

**Eighth Air Force**, with headquarters at Barksdale Air Force, La., supports ACC in providing command and control, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (C2ISR); long-range attack; and information operations forces to Air Force components and warfighting commands. Eighth Air Force trains, tests, exercises and demonstrates combat-ready forces for rapid employment worldwide. Eighth Air Force provides conventional forces to U.S. Joint Forces Command and provides nuclear capable bombers, specified Global Strike assets, and C2ISR capabilities to U.S. Strategic Command. Eighth Air Force also supports STRATCOM’s Joint Force Headquarters - Information Operations and serves as the command element for Air Force wide computer network operations.

Other Eighth Air Force units include the 67th Information Operations Wing, Lackland AFB, Texas; the 70th Intelligence Wing, Fort Meade, Md.; the 116th Air Control Wing (E-8C JSTARS), Robins AFB, Ga.; 552nd Air Control Wing (E-3B/C), Tinker AFB, Okla.; the 819th RED HORSE Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; and the 3rd Air Support Operations Group, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Bases:**

Beale AFB, Calif. — 9th Reconnaissance Wing: U-2, T-38. Selected as beddown base for RQ-4B Global Hawk unmanned aircraft system

**Ninth Air Force**, with headquarters at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., is dedicated to organizing, training, and equipping Air Combat Command fighter forces based throughout the Southeastern United States. Ninth Air Force comprises eight active-duty wings and two direct reporting units with more than 480 aircraft and 28,000 active-duty and civilian personnel. Ninth Air Force is also responsible for the operational readiness of 14 Air Reserve Component wings.

Ninth Air Force units include:

1st Fighter Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.
23rd Wing, Moody AFB, Ga.
93d Air-Ground Operations Wing, Moody AFB, Ga.
325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
461st Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.
633rd Air Base Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
823rd Red Horse Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
819th Red Horse Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

**Tenth Air Force**, located at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas, directs the activities of more than 13,300 reservists and 900 civilians located at 28 installations throughout the United States.

The mission of the 10th Air Force is to exercise command supervision of its assigned Reserve units to ensure they maintain the highest combat capability to augment active forces in support
of national objectives. Tenth Air Force currently commands Air Force Reserve Command units
gained by five other major commands, including Air Combat Command. ACC-gained units
consist of six fighter wings, three air rescue units, one bomber squadron, one combat operations
squadron, and one airborne warning and control group when mobilized.

**Twelfth Air Force**, with headquarters at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., controls ACC's
conventional fighter and bomber forces based in the western United States and has the
warfighting responsibility for U.S. Southern Command as well as the U.S. Southern Air Forces.

Other 12th Air Force units include: 388th Fighter Wing (F-16C/D), Hill AFB, Utah; 1st Air Support
Operations Group, Fort Lewis, Wash.; 3rd Combat Communications Group, Tinker AFB, Okla.;
and 820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.

**Bases:**
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. – Headquarters 12th Air Force; 355th Wing: A/0A-10 (EC-130H,
stationed at Davis-Monthan, is an Eighth Air Force asset and controlled by the 55th Wing at
Offutt AFB, Neb.)
Dyess AFB, Texas – 7th Bomb Wing: B-1
Elsworth AFB, S.D. -- 28th Bomb Wing: B-1
Holloman AFB, N.M. – 49th Fighter Wing: F-117, T-38
Mountain Home AFB, Idaho – 368th Fighter Wing: F-15C/D/E, F-16D, F-16C/J, and the Air
Expeditionary Force Battelab

**U.S. Air Forces Central Command (AFCENT)**
U.S. Air Forces Central Command is the air component of United States Central Command, a
regional unified command. USAFCENT is responsible for air operations (either unilaterally or in
concert with coalition partners) and developing contingency plans in support of national
objectives for USCENTCOM’s 20-nation area of responsibility in Southwest Asia. Additionally,
USAFCENT manages an extensive supply and equipment prepositioning program at
several area of responsibility sites. [View AFCENT factsheet here.](#)

**Direct Reporting Unit**
U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, at Nellis AFB, Nev., conducts the Air Force's advanced
weapons and tactics training, manages advanced pilot training and is responsible for the
operational test and evaluation of ACC's combat weapons systems. The UAV Battelab is
assigned to the center.

Under the Air Warfare Center is the 57th Wing (A-10, F-15C/D/E, F-16C/D, HH-60G and RQ-
1A/B Predator unmanned aircraft system); 99th Air Base Wing, 98th Range Wing, U.S. Air Force
Demonstration Squadron (the Thunderbirds) and the 414th Combat Training Squadron (Red
Flag).

The 53rd Wing at Eglin AFB, Fla. is also assigned to the Air Warfare Center. The 53rd Wing's
subordinate units include the 53rd Test and Evaluation Group (A-10, F-15A/C/E, F-16C/D, F-22,
B-1, B-2, B-52, HH-60G, RQ-1 Predator and RQ-4 Global Hawk) at Nellis, the 53rd Electronic
Warfare Group at Eglin, and the 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group (E-9) at Tyndall AFB, Fla. The
53rd Test Management Group at Eglin coordinates the wing's test process, directing resources
and priorities within the wing nationwide.

Another Air Warfare Center organization is the 505th Command and Control Wing at Hurlburt
Field, Fla. The 505th CCW's subordinate units include the 505th Training Group at Hurlburt Field
and 505th Test and Evaluation Group at Nellis. The wing has 13 operating locations from which
it provides training and development of tactics, techniques and procedures for Component
Numbered Air Force headquarters; testing and training of key command and control and
intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems; and operational and tactical-level live,
virtual and constructive exercises for joint and coalition forces. The wing annual trains more than
85,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and coalition forces.

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