

# Field Operating Agencies

A field operating agency is a subdivision of the Air Force that carries out field activities under the operational control of an Hq. USAF functional manager. Though the FOAs have the same administrative and organizational responsibilities as the major commands, their missions remain separate from those of the major commands.

## Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation

**Hq.:** Orlando, Fla.  
**Estab.:** June 3, 1996  
**Cmdr.:** Col. David M. Votipka

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Serve** as lead for the Distributed Mission Operations initiative  
**Support** Air Force modeling and simulation training, analysis, acquisition, and operations and corporate M&S planning and requirements generation  
**Promote** Air Force M&S science and technology improvement and innovation and professional development and education for the Air Force M&S workforce  
**Operate** and maintain Air Force M&S Information Service

### STRUCTURE

Three divisions in Orlando, Fla.  
 C4ISR Visualization Center, Pentagon

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		18
Officers	15	
Enlisted	3	
Civilians		16
<b>Total</b>		<b>34</b>

## Air Force Audit Agency

**Hq.:** Washington, D.C.  
**Estab.:** July 1, 1948  
**Dir.:** James R. Speer

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Provide** all levels of Air Force management with independent and quality internal audit service  
**Produce** audit products that evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of Air Force programs and activities

### STRUCTURE

Four directorates at Arlington, Va., Brooks City-Base, Tex., March ARB, Calif., and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
 Three regional offices  
 17 field offices

### PERSONNEL

Civilians	817
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The director of AFAA is the USAF auditor general.

## Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence

**Hq.:** Brooks City-Base, Tex.  
**Estab.:** July 23, 1991  
**Dir.:** Paul A. Parker

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Provide** Air Force leaders the comprehensive expertise to protect, preserve, restore, develop, and sustain the nation's environmental and installation resources

### STRUCTURE

10 directorates  
 Three regional environmental offices

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		38
Officers	36	
Enlisted	2	
Reserve components		10
ANG	0	
AFRC	10	
Civilians		365
<b>Total</b>		<b>413</b>

## Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency

**Hq.:** Tyndall AFB, Fla.  
**Estab.:** Aug. 1, 1991  
**Cmdr.:** Col. Gus Elliott Jr.

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Provide** the best tools, practices, and professional support to maximize Air Force civil engineer capabilities in base and contingency operations

### STRUCTURE

Four directorates

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		90
Officers	18	
Enlisted	72	
Reserve components		25
ANG	0	
AFRC	25	
Civilians		116
<b>Total</b>		<b>231</b>

## Air Force Command and Control and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Center

**Hq.:** Langley AFB, Va.  
**Estab.:** Sept. 12, 1997  
**Cmdr.:** Maj. Gen. Tommy F. Crawford

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Develop** the science of control to enable the art of command by influencing, integrating, and improving Air Force C4ISR capabilities  
**Represent** all major commands and provide operational warfighter perspective to Air Force C4ISR spiral development and system acquisition commands and processes  
**Deliver** interoperability and combat capability to the joint warfighter

### STRUCTURE

Two major field units  
 14 subordinate organizations

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		265
Officers	189	
Enlisted	76	
Reserve Components		18
ANG	0	
AFRC	18	
Civilians		54
<b>Total</b>		<b>337</b>

## Air Force Communications Agency

**Hq.:** Scott AFB, Ill.  
**Estab.:** June 13, 1996  
**Cmdr.:** Col. David J. Kovach

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Serve** as center of excellence for C4 and information technology  
**Oversee** ground, air, and space network  
**Deploy** specialized strike teams and network assessment capabilities for assured USAF communications and information combat power  
**Develop** architectures and standards, ensuring systems are integrated into the network rapidly, securely, and reliably  
**Bring** competency and discipline to USAF network weapon system operators

**STRUCTURE**

Five functional areas

**PERSONNEL**

Active duty		235
Officers	100	
Enlisted	135	
Reserve Components		2
ANG	0	
AFRC	2	
Civilians		296
<b>Total</b>		<b>533</b>

**Air Force Cost Analysis Agency**

**Hq.:** Arlington, Va.  
**Estab.:** Aug. 1, 1992  
**Exec. Dir.:** Richard K. Hartley

**MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS**

**Develop** independent life-cycle cost estimates of major weapon and information systems; estimates and cost factors for modernization planning, long-range planning, divestiture, and flying hour program; cost-estimation tools, techniques, methodologies, and databases  
**Conduct** special cost reviews for the Air Force Secretariat and for other organizations as directed  
**Research** emerging changes in technologies, acquisition priorities, and industry

**STRUCTURE**

Five divisions

**PERSONNEL**

Active duty		23
Officers	21	
Enlisted	2	
Civilians		34
<b>Total</b>		<b>57</b>

**Air Force Flight Standards Agency**

**Hq.:** Andrews AFB, Md.  
**Estab.:** Oct. 1, 1991  
**Cmdr.:** Col. Thomas Arko

**MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS**

**Develop**, standardize, evaluate, and certify USAF policy, procedures, and equipment for flight operations and centrally manage USAF air traffic control and landing systems  
**Perform** worldwide flight inspection of airfields and flight instrument/navigation systems  
**Represent** USAF in FAA airspace management and ATC issues; DOD in international airspace and ATC issues  
**Provide** procedures for ATC, airfield, operational evaluation of ATC systems, airspace management, and terminal instrument procedures

**STRUCTURE**

Two detachments at Oklahoma City and Washington, D.C.  
 Three directorates

**PERSONNEL**

Active duty		122
Officers	53	
Enlisted	69	
Reserve components		5
ANG	0	
AFRC	5	
Civilians		40
<b>Total</b>		<b>167</b>

**Air Force Frequency Management Agency**

**Hq.:** Alexandria, Va.  
**Estab.:** Oct. 1, 1991  
**Cmdr.:** Col. Louis G. Jakowatz III

**MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS**

**Obtain** spectrum access for Air Force and selected DOD activities in support of national policy objectives, systems development, and global operations  
**Coordinate** Air Force spectrum policy and guidance. Responsible for USAF representation in spectrum negotiations with civil, military, national, and international regulatory organizations  
**Provide** curriculum oversight for the Electromagnetic Spectrum Management Course and Joint Task Force Spectrum Management Course

**STRUCTURE**

Two directorates  
 Technical director

**PERSONNEL**

Active duty		10
Officers	3	
Enlisted	7	
Civilians		18
<b>Total</b>		<b>28</b>

**Air Force Historical Research Agency**

**Hq.:** Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
**Estab.:** May 25, 1979  
**Cmdr.:** Col. Carol S. Sikes

**MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS**

**Collect**, preserve, and manage historical document collection and oral history program  
**Research**, write, and publish books and other studies on USAF history  
**Provide** historical support to USAF, DOD, and other government agencies  
**Record** and disseminate USAF history, including the role of airpower in national security  
**Operate** research facilities and automated historical data system  
**Determine** the lineage and honors of USAF units; maintain official emblem records  
**Verify** Air Force aerial victory credits

**STRUCTURE**

Four divisions  
 One operating location in Washington, D.C.

**PERSONNEL**

Active duty		12
Officers	3	
Enlisted	9	
Reserve components		24
ANG	0	
AFRC	24	
Civilians		79
<b>Total</b>		<b>115</b>



*A1C Joe Harvey, satellite communications Global Mobility Assessment Team member, 621st AMG, McGuire AFB, N.J., sets up an Inmarsat at Baghdad Airport on April 11, 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.*

## Air Force Inspection Agency

**Hq.:** Kirtland AFB, N.M.  
**Estab.:** Aug. 1, 1991  
**Cmdr.:** Col. David E. Snodgrass

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Provide** USAF leadership with independent assessments to improve the Air Force  
**Serve** as single comprehensive inspection agency of USAF medical organizations

**Recommend** improvements to existing processes, practices, and programs for fulfilling peacetime, contingency, and wartime missions

**Conduct** special reviews and inquiries  
**Conduct** compliance inspections for FOAs and DRUs that do not have major command oversight

**Publish** *TIG Brief* magazine

### STRUCTURE

Four directorates

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		107
Officers	82	
Enlisted	25	
Reserve components		3
ANG	1	
AFRC	2	
Civilians		17
<b>Total</b>		<b>127</b>

## Air Force Legal Services Agency

**Hq.:** Bolling AFB, D.C.  
**Estab.:** Sept. 1, 1991  
**Cmdr.:** Col. David G. Ehrhart

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Provide** commanders and personnel with specialized legal services: administering military justice to protect individual rights and ensure good order and discipline; preserving command freedom of action through robust defense of USAF interests in civil litigation; training and advising the headquarters and field in military justice and civil law matters; providing programs to benefit the Air Force family; and supporting legal services worldwide with state-of-the-art, specialized information technology

### STRUCTURE

Three directorates

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		371
Officers	258	
Enlisted	113	
Reserve Components		1
ANG	0	
AFRC	1	
Civilians		111
<b>Total</b>		<b>483</b>

## Air Force Logistics Management Agency

**Hq.:** Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.  
**Estab.:** Sept. 30, 1975  
**Cmdr.:** Col. Michael A. Morabito

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Develop**, analyze, test, evaluate, and recommend new or improved concepts, methods, systems, policies, and procedures to enhance logistics efficiency and effectiveness

**Publish** the *Air Force Journal of Logistics*

### STRUCTURE

Six divisions

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		57
Officers	34	
Enlisted	23	
Civilians		23
<b>Total</b>		<b>80</b>

## Air Force Manpower Agency

**Hq.:** Randolph AFB, Tex.  
**Estab.:** Sept. 1, 1999  
**Cmdr.:** Col. William C. Bennett Jr.

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Determine** manpower requirements to support Air Force concepts of operations  
**Partner** with Air Force CONOPS champions, capability lead agents, functional representatives, and commanders at all organizational levels to improve Air Force mission performance effectiveness and resource efficiency

**Lead** performance management core competency

**Develop** manpower programming factors and conduct special studies and competitive sourcing studies

**Provide** oversight for manpower and organization's functional community needs

### STRUCTURE

One squadron and four divisions

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		121
Officers	40	
Enlisted	81	
Civilians		83
<b>Total</b>		<b>204</b>

## Air Force Medical Operations Agency

**Hq.:** Pentagon  
**Estab.:** July 1, 1992  
**Cmdr.:** Lt. Col. Christian R. Benjamin

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Support** both the Air Force assistant surgeon general, health care operations, and the Air Force surgeon general in the planning and execution of operational policies  
**Coordinate** and track worldwide Air Force

Medical Service expeditionary operations working with the services, unified commands, and Joint Staff

**Create** and operate statistical tools to collect and analyze data to shape the delivery of health care

**Directly** support health care professionals at military treatment facilities and special duty assignments worldwide

### STRUCTURE

Two divisions

Two offices

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		102
Officers	80	
Enlisted	22	
Reserve Components		1
ANG	0	
AFRC	1	
Civilians		50
<b>Total</b>		<b>153</b>

## Air Force Medical Support Agency

**Hq.:** Bolling AFB, D.C.  
**Estab.:** July 1, 1978  
**Cmdr.:** Col. Patricia C. Lewis

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Oversee** execution of Air Force surgeon general policies and programs in support of USAF global capability and national security strategies

**Provide** expert consultative leadership for entire Air Force Medical Service

### STRUCTURE

Five directorates

28 divisions

Four offices

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		91
Officers	80	
Enlisted	11	
Civilians		41
<b>Total</b>		<b>132</b>

## Air Force National Security Emergency Preparedness Agency

**Hq.:** Atlanta  
**Estab.:** Sept. 1, 1988  
**Cmdr.:** Col. Larry Garrison

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Facilitate** Air Force support to civil authorities for natural or man-made disasters and emergencies

### STRUCTURE

Two divisions (Regional Operations and Support)

Four operating locations at Ft. McPherson, Ga., Arlington, Va., Langley AFB, Va., and Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Reserve personnel assigned to various state, federal, and military agencies

## PERSONNEL

Active duty		17
Officers	9	
Enlisted	8	
Reserve components		72
ANG	0	
AFRC	72	
Civilians		4
<b>Total</b>		<b>93</b>

### Air Force News Agency

**Hq.:** San Antonio  
**Estab.:** June 1, 1978  
**Cmdr.:** Col. Anthony J. Epifano

## MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Create**, print, and broadcast Web-based products that support Air Force and DOD communication goals

**Provide** news, information, and entertainment programs through American Forces Radio and Television Service

**Provide** senior Air Force leaders with the means of communicating news and information to the Air Force community and the public

**Organize**, train, and equip AFNEWS to accomplish its mission

**Create** an IT environment that ensures the efficient and secure production and delivery of information

## STRUCTURE

Air Force Broadcasting Service  
Army and Air Force Hometown News Service  
Air Force News Service  
Command Resources and Readiness Communications and Information Systems

## PERSONNEL

Active duty		296
Officers	17	
Enlisted	279	
Reserve components		30
ANG	0	
AFRC	30	
Civilians		87
<b>Total</b>		<b>413</b>

### Air Force Nuclear Weapons and Counterproliferation Agency

**Hq.:** Pentagon  
**Estab.:** August 1998  
**Cmdr.:** Lt. Col. Donald W. Robbins

## MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Oversee** nuclear stockpile stewardship programs, including planning, development, and sustainment of USAF nuclear weapons

**Provide** technical analysis on counterproliferation issues and lead all technical aspects of USAF arms control process

**Provide** technical advice to Air Staff, major commands, unified commands, and OSD on nuclear weapons, counterproliferation, and arms control issues

## STRUCTURE

Four divisions  
Two operating locations at Pentagon and Arlington, Va.

## PERSONNEL

Active Duty		12
Officers	5	
Enlisted	7	
Civilians		15
<b>Total</b>		<b>27</b>

### Air Force Office of Special Investigations

**Hq.:** Andrews AFB, Md.  
**Estab.:** Aug. 1, 1948  
**Cmdr.:** Brig. Gen. Leonard E. Patterson

## MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Provide** professional criminal and counterintelligence investigative services to commanders of all Air Force activities

**Identify** and resolve crime impacting Air Force readiness or good order and discipline

**Detect** and provide early warning of worldwide threats to the Air Force

**Combat** threats to Air Force information systems and technologies

**Defeat** and deter fraud in the acquisition of Air Force prioritized weapons systems

**Serve** as DOD's executive agent for Defense Cyber Crime Center

## STRUCTURE

Eight regional offices  
Eight squadrons  
180 detachments and operating locations  
USAF Special Investigations Academy located at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

## PERSONNEL

Active duty		1,516
Officers	412	
Enlisted	1,104	
Reserve components		404
ANG	0	
AFRC	404	
Civilians		558
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,478</b>

### Air Force Operations Group

**Hq.:** Pentagon  
**Estab.:** July 26, 1977  
**Cmdr.:** Col. Dave P. Jones

## MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Support** USAF Chief of Staff and DCS for Air and Space Operations on current operational issues, including a 24-hour watch on all current operations and processing emergency messages

**Provide** facilities, policy, procedures, training, and staffing for Crisis Action Team during crises, contingencies, and exercises

**Coordinate** actions among major USAF organizations for JCS and USAF taskings  
**Prepare** and provide weather data to the

President, Secretary of Defense, JCS, NMCC, Army Operations Center, and other federal agencies

## STRUCTURE

Five divisions

## PERSONNEL

Active duty		87
Officers	42	
Enlisted	45	
Reserve components		5
ANG	0	
AFRC	5	
Civilians		5
<b>Total</b>		<b>97</b>

### Air Force Pentagon Communications Agency

**Hq.:** Pentagon  
**Estab.:** Oct. 1, 1984  
**Cmdr.:** Col. Gerald F. Alexander Jr.

## MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Provide** effective and timely information systems services and capabilities for Hq, USAF, OSD, and Joint Staff for military operations and missions

## STRUCTURE

Eight directorates

## PERSONNEL

Active duty		393
Officers	60	
Enlisted	333	
Reserve Components		1
ANG	0	
AFRC	1	
Civilians		207
<b>Total</b>		<b>601</b>

### Air Force Personnel Center

**Hq.:** Randolph AFB, Tex.  
**Estab.:** Oct. 1, 1995  
**Cmdr.:** Maj. Gen. Thomas A. O'Riordan

## MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Provide** service in worldwide personnel operations to Air Force commanders, military members, civilian employees, families, retirees, and other customers

**Manage** programs for individual career development

## STRUCTURE

10 directorates

## PERSONNEL

Active duty		906
Officers	253	
Enlisted	653	
Reserve components		20
ANG	2	
AFRC	18	
Civilians		991
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,917</b>

AFPC was formerly the Air Force Military Personnel Center and the Air Force Civilian Personnel Management Center.

## Air Force Personnel Operations Agency

**Hq.:** Pentagon  
**Estab.:** Aug. 15, 1993  
**Dir.:** William A. Kelly

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Provide** in-depth analytical insight across the personnel life cycle to DCS for Personnel decision-makers

**Develop** and operate officer, enlisted, and civilian models

**Support** DCS for Personnel

### STRUCTURE

One division

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		30
Officers	18	
Enlisted	12	
Civilians		4
<b>Total</b>		<b>34</b>

## Air Force Program Executive Office

**Hq.:** Pentagon  
**Estab.:** November 1990  
**Exec.:** Marvin R. Sambur

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Manage** and account for the execution of major and selected Air Force acquisition programs

### STRUCTURE

#### Program Executive Officers:

Lt. Gen. Charles L. Johnson II, Command & Control & Combat Support  
Lt. Gen. William R. Looney III, Aircraft  
Maj. Gen. Robert W. Chedister, Weapons  
Maj. Gen. Richard B.H. Lewis, F/A-22  
Timothy A. Beyland, Combat & Mission Support  
Maj. Gen. John L. Hudson, Joint Strike Fighter

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		30
Officers	28	
Enlisted	2	
Civilians		10
<b>Total</b>		<b>40</b>

## Air Force Real Property Agency

**Hq.:** Arlington, Va.  
**Estab.:** Nov. 1, 2002  
**Dir.:** Albert F. Lowas Jr.

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Execute** Air Force acquisition and disposal of all Air Force-controlled real property worldwide and environmental programs and real and personal property disposal for major Air Force bases being closed or realigned under the authorities of the Base

Closure and Realignment Act of 1988 and the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990

**Assist** communities in the conversion of closing and realigning bases from military to civilian use and ensure that property at these Air Force installations is made available for reuse as safely and efficiently as possible

### STRUCTURE

Regional divisions  
Base-level operating locations

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		0
Officers	0	
Enlisted	0	
Civilians		198
<b>Total</b>		<b>198</b>

Formerly Air Force Base Conversion Agency and Air Force Real Estate Division

## Air Force Review Boards Agency

**Hq.:** Andrews AFB, Md.  
**Estab.:** June 1, 1980  
**Dir.:** Joe G. Lineberger

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Manage** military and civilian appellate processes for the Secretary of the Air Force  
**Develop** overall policy of the organization and oversee the activities and operations of the agency

### STRUCTURE

Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records  
Air Force Civilian Appellate Review Office  
Air Force Personnel Council  
Review Boards Support Office, Randolph AFB, Tex.

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		12
Officers	7	
Enlisted	5	
Reserve components		7
ANG	1	
AFRC	6	
Civilians		44
<b>Total</b>		<b>63</b>

## Air Force Safety Center

**Hq.:** Kirtland AFB, N.M.  
**Estab.:** Jan. 1, 1996  
**Cmdr.:** Maj. Gen. Kenneth W. Hess

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Manage** USAF mishap prevention programs and the Nuclear Surety Program  
**Develop** regulatory guidance

**Provide** technical assistance in flight, ground, and weapons and space safety disciplines

**Maintain** USAF database for all safety mishaps

**Oversee** all major command mishap investigations and evaluate corrective actions for applicability and implementation USAF-wide

**Direct** safety education programs for all safety disciplines

### STRUCTURE

Five divisions

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		63
Officers	45	
Enlisted	18	
Reserve components		1
ANG	0	
AFRC	1	
Civilians		48
<b>Total</b>		<b>112</b>

The commander is also the Air Force chief of safety. AFSC publishes *Flying Safety, Road and Rec*, and *Weapons Journal*.

## Air Force Security Forces Center

**Hq.:** Lackland AFB, Tex.  
**Estab.:** March 17, 1997  
**Cmdr.:** Col. John T. Salley Jr.

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Develop** USAF security forces guidance, policy, and training requirements to safeguard and protect personnel and resources  
**Prepare** guidance on air base defense operations and security forces continuation training; mission-related security and law enforcement operations; resource protection; anti-terrorism

**Develop** and implement base-level and combat arms training and ground combat weapons maintenance programs

**Manage** USAF corrections program and activities; DOD military working dog activities; contingency taskings

### STRUCTURE

Four divisions  
Force Protection Battlelab  
Three detachments at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., NAS Miramar, Calif., and Charleston NWC, S.C.

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		325
Officers	46	
Enlisted	279	
Reserve components		9
ANG	1	
AFRC	8	
Civilians		13
<b>Total</b>		<b>347</b>

## Air Force Services Agency

**Hq.:** San Antonio  
**Estab.:** Feb. 5, 1991  
**Cmdr.:** Vacant

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Provide** combat support to commanders directly in support of the Air Force mission

**Provide** community service programs that enhance the quality of life for Air Force members and their families

**Manage** Air Force nonappropriated central funds and operate central systems such as banking, investments, purchasing, data flow, insurance, and benefit programs

### STRUCTURE

Seven directorates

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		91
Officers	35	
Enlisted	56	
Reserve components		10
ANG	3	
AFRC	7	
Civilians		172
<b>Total</b>		<b>273</b>

## Air Force Technical Applications Center

**Hq.:** Patrick AFB, Fla.  
**Estab.:** July 7, 1959  
**Cmdr.:** Col. Craig V. Bendorf

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Monitor** compliance with several international treaties, including the 1974 Threshold Test Ban Treaty and 1976 Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty

**Operate** the US Atomic Energy Detection System, a global network of subsurface, surface, airborne, and space-based sensors that detect nuclear explosions

**Operate** analytical laboratories that provide national authorities with technical measurements with which to monitor foreign nuclear tests

### STRUCTURE

Analysis Center, Patrick AFB, Fla.  
 Operational sites/detachments worldwide

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		543
Officers	120	
Enlisted	423	
<b>Total</b>		<b>543</b>

### EQUIPMENT

Multiple seismic arrays and single-instrument locations consisting of seismometers and associated data acquisition systems and workstations

Several hydroacoustic recording locations  
 More than 100 sensors and 35 support satellites, with associated ground systems instrumentation and data-processing equipment

Ground-based equipment to collect nuclear event debris

## Air Force Weather Agency

**Hq.:** Offutt AFB, Neb.  
**Estab.:** Oct. 15, 1997  
**Cmdr.:** Col. Charles L. Benson Jr.

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Maximize** our nation's aerospace and ground combat effectiveness by providing accurate, relevant, and timely air and space weather information to Department of Defense, coalition, and national users and by providing standardized training and equipment to Air Force weather

### STRUCTURE

Air Force Combat Climatology Center, Asheville, N.C.

Air Force Combat Weather Center, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Six solar observatories around the world  
 Nine operating locations worldwide

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		555
Officers	114	
Enlisted	441	
Reserve components		5
ANG	0	
AFRC	5	
Civilians		200
<b>Total</b>		<b>760</b>

Formerly Air Weather Service, established July 1, 1937.

## ANG Readiness Center

**Hq.:** Andrews AFB, Md.  
**Estab.:** August 1997  
**Cmdr.:** Brig. Gen. David A. Brubaker

### MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

**Provide** combat capability to the warfighter and security to the homeland

### STRUCTURE

201st Mission Support Squadron  
 13 directorates

### PERSONNEL

Active duty		129
Officers	76	
Enlisted	53	
Reserve Components		498
ANG	494	
AFRC	4	
Civilians		456
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,083</b>

USAF photo by TSgt. Andy Dunaway



**SSgt. Rick Grider, with the 437th Security Forces Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C., provides security while equipment is off-loaded from a C-130 Hercules at the Port-au-Prince airport in Haiti, March 14.**