

FOAs, DRUs, and Auxiliary

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Field Operating Agencies

A field operating agency (FOA) is a subdivision of the Air Force that carries out field activities under the operational control of an Hq. USAF functional manager. FOAs have the same administrative and organizational responsibilities as major commands.

Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation

Hq.: Orlando, Fla.
 Estab.: June 3, 1996
 Cmdr.: Col. Louis W. Olinto

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS
Responsible for supporting development and use of the realistic global battlespace for training, acquisition, analysis, test and evaluation, and operations
Implement Air Force, joint, and DOD modeling and simulation (M&S) policies and standards
Manage, coordinate, and integrate major USAF and joint M&S programs and initiatives
Support corporate USAF M&S operations while promoting and supporting technology improvements

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

PERSONNEL

Active duty		16
Officers	14	
Enlisted	2	
Civilians		13
Total		29

Air Force Audit Agency

Hq.: Washington, D.C.
 Estab.: July 1, 1948
 Dir.: Robert E. Dawes

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
 16 field offices

PERSONNEL

Civilians	747
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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.: Dennis Firman

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

STRUCTURE
 10 directorates at Brooks City-Base with regional environmental offices in Atlanta, Dallas, and San Francisco

PERSONNEL

Active duty		32
Officers	30	
Enlisted	2	
Reserve components		15
ANG	0	
AFRC	15	
Civilians		382
Total		429

Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency

Hq.: Tyndall AFB, Fla.
 Estab.: Aug. 1, 1991
 Cmdr.: Col. Richard A. Fryer

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

STRUCTURE
 Six directorates

PERSONNEL

Active duty		93
Officers	19	
Enlisted	74	
Reserve components		25
ANG	0	
AFRC	25	
Civilians		114
Total		232

Air Force Communications Agency

Hq.: Scott AFB, Ill.
 Estab.: June 13, 1996
 Cmdr.: Col. Carl Williamson

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS
Provide C4ISR capabilities to the warfighter through architecture and lead command management of the Air Force ground, air, and space network—the ConstellationNet
Direct integration of systems into the network, assuring decision superiority; drive innovative information technology solutions for Air Force warfighters by generating progressive standards, architectures, and force structure policies and guidance
Deploy engineering and network operations strike teams worldwide for assured Air Force network combat power

STRUCTURE
 Five functional areas

PERSONNEL

Reserve components		6
ANG	0	
AFRC	6	
Civilians		303
Total		309

USAF photo by Amelia Donnell



Air Force Global Cyberspace Integration Center, Langley AFB, Va.

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
Seven operating locations

PERSONNEL

Active duty		20
Officers	17	
Enlisted	3	
Civilians		56
Total		76

Air Force Financial Services Center

Hq.: Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
Estab.: Sept. 14, 2007
Cmdr.: Col. Judy Perry

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Provide travel and military pay services and support to active and reserve component military and civilian personnel across the Air Force

Serve as the single financial services center for transactions formerly conducted at 93 base-level finance offices

Expedite travel and military pay services through a centralized processing center and a full-service contact center, which is scheduled to begin operations in October 2008

STRUCTURE

Two directorates

PERSONNEL

Active duty		105
Officers	5	
Enlisted	100	
Civilians		3
Total		108

Air Force Flight Standards Agency

Hq.: Oklahoma City
Estab.: Oct. 1, 1991
Cmdr.: Col. Kevin D. Degnan

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

Represent USAF in FAA airspace management and ATC issues and DOD in international airspace and ATC issues

Provide procedures for ATC, airfield, operational evaluation of ATC systems, airspace management, and terminal instrument procedures

STRUCTURE

Three directorates

PERSONNEL

Active duty		132
Officers	73	
Enlisted	59	
Reserve components		2
ANG	0	
AFRC	2	
Civilians		26
Total		160

Air Force Frequency Management Agency

Hq.: Alexandria, Va.
Estab.: Oct. 1, 1991
Cmdr.: Col. Gary W. Klabunde

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Plan, provide, and preserve access to the electromagnetic spectrum for Air Force and selected DOD activities in support of national policy objectives, systems development, and global operations

Develop and implement spectrum guidelines and instructions to support the Air Force mission

Coordinate actions to resolve spectrum interference incidents involving DOD, private sector, federal, and international users; formulate and articulate US positions at World Radio Conference

Coordinate orbital locations and spectrum needs for DOD satellites at the international level

Provide functional management for the spectrum management career field and oversee curriculum for the Electromagnetic Spectrum Management Course and the JTF Spectrum Management Course

STRUCTURE

Two directorates

PERSONNEL

Active duty		8
Officers	2	
Enlisted	6	
Civilians		21
Total		29

Air Force Global Cyberspace Integration Center

Hq.: Langley AFB, Va.
Estab.: Aug. 1, 1997
Dir.: Stan C. Newberry

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Team with major commands, joint and coalition partners, national agencies, industry, and academia to develop, integrate, and standardize air, space, and cyberspace components

Manage C2 and cyber innovation, experimentation, and transition efforts including Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment (JEFX)

Plan, program, and guide capability based planning, requirements, architectures, and integration of USAF warfighting networks, combat support, and C2 systems

Serve as lead command for tactical datalinks to include joint interoperability of tactical C2 systems, joint and coalition C2 interoperability data standards, air component information management, and SATCOM terminal management

STRUCTURE

Four directorates

PERSONNEL

Active duty		187
Officers	126	
Enlisted	61	
Reserve components		18
ANG	0	
AFRC	18	
Civilians		62
Total		267

Air Force Historical Research Agency

Hq.: Maxwell AFB, Ala.
Estab.: May 25, 1979
Dir.: Charles F. O'Connell Jr.

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, other government agencies, and the public

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

Three divisions

PERSONNEL

Civilians		36
Total		36

Air Force Inspection Agency

Hq.: Kirtland AFB, N.M.
Estab.: Aug. 1, 1991
Cmdr.: Col. Michael J. Kingsley

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Provide independent and timely assessments of acquisition, nuclear surety, operations, logistics, support, and health care to SECAF, CSAF, SAF/IG, and commanders of major commands

Serve as primary action arm of SECAF inspection system

Identify critical deficiencies and recommend improvements for accomplishing peacetime/wartime missions; evaluate USAF activities and policies

Provide by-law and compliance oversight of all USAF-level FOAs and DRUs

Publish *TIG Brief* magazine

STRUCTURE

Four directorates

PERSONNEL

Active duty		89
Officers	71	
Enlisted	18	
Reserve components		2
ANG	0	
AFRC	2	
Civilians		25
Total		116

Air Force Intelligence Analysis Agency

Hq.: Pentagon
 Estab.: Feb. 2, 2001
 Dir.: Steve A. Cantrell

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Provide tailored, substantive intelligence, special security services, and imagery products to the Secretariat and the Air Staff

Function as a national-level center of excellence for analysis of foreign air and air defense tactics and training and effects-based targeting

Serve as Air Force intelligence focal point for Intelligence Force Protection policy and counterterrorism

Represent Air Force A2 on National Intelligence Estimates and in other DOD and national intelligence forums

Manage interagency civil air analysis

Direct global tactics analysis reporting program for the theater air components

Provide National Capital Region security and information system services for USAF

STRUCTURE

Nine divisions

PERSONNEL

Active duty		89
Officers	22	
Enlisted	67	
Civilians		34
Total		123

Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency

Hq.: Lackland AFB, Tex.
 Estab.: June 8, 2007
 Cmdr.: Maj. Gen. John C. Koziol

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Organize, train, equip, and present assigned personnel and capabilities to conduct intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance for combatant commanders and the nation

Implement and oversee execution of USAF policy and guidance to expand Air Force ISR capabilities to meet current and future challenges

STRUCTURE

70th Intelligence Wing
 480th Intelligence Wing
 National Air & Space Intelligence Center
 Air Force Technical Applications Center

PERSONNEL

Data incomplete; realignment of resources under way

Air Force Legal Operations Agency

Hq.: Bolling AFB, D.C.
 Estab.: Sept. 1, 1991
 Cmdr.: Brig. Gen. Richard C. Harding

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Administer Air Force's civil litigation and military justice programs and provide legal

research technology to all Air Force Judge Advocate Corps members

Advise in military justice and civil law matters encompassing courts-martial, environmental, acquisition, claims, litigation, employment and patent actions, and legal assistance

Command the Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, which is the hub of legal training for Air Force counsel, paralegals, and support staff

Support the Department of Justice with regard to all phases of litigation, civil or criminal, pertaining to the Air Force, and share training responsibilities for Air Force and other DOD attorneys and paralegals

STRUCTURE

Four directorates

PERSONNEL

Active duty		496
Officers	295	
Enlisted	201	
Reserve components		96
ANG	0	
AFRC	96	
Civilians		141
Total		733

Air Force Logistics Management Agency

Hq.: Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.
 Estab.: Sept. 30, 1975
 Cmdr.: Lt. Col. Jennifer Cushion

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		36
Officers	21	
Enlisted	15	
Civilians		17
Total		53

Air Force Manpower Agency

Hq.: Randolph AFB, Tex.
 Estab.: Sept. 1, 1999
 Cmdr.: Col. Daniel D. Badger Jr.

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Provide Air Force leaders with the tools to identify essential manpower required for the effective and efficient accomplishment of the Air Force mission

Determine manpower requirements

Develop programming factors

Manage Air Force performance management programs

Execute the Air Force competitive sourcing program

Create and maintain standard position descriptions

Provide AEF operations with military essential requirements

Support the manpower functional community

Conduct special studies

Perform civilian classification oversight and centralized operational classification

STRUCTURE

Five squadrons at Randolph AFB, Tex., NASA-Langley Research Center, Va., Scott AFB, Ill., Denver, and Tinker AFB, Okla.

Five divisions

Operating location at Pentagon

PERSONNEL

Active duty		165
Officers	26	
Enlisted	139	
Civilians		248
Total		413

USAF photo by MSgt. Lance Cheung



MSgt. Lance Cheung, a photographer with the Air Force News Agency, photographs himself and three F-15Es over the English countryside.

Air Force Medical Operations Agency

Hq.: Washington, D.C.
 Estab.: July 1, 1978
 Cmdr.: Col. Margaret B. Matarese

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS
Develop and execute Air Force surgeon general policies and programs while providing consultative leadership for the Air Force Medical Service

STRUCTURE

Six directorates
 18 divisions
 16 geographically separated units

PERSONNEL

Active duty		97
Officers	74	
Enlisted	23	
Reserve components		8
ANG	0	
AFRC	8	
Civilians		87
Total		192

Air Force Medical Support Agency

Hq.: Washington, D.C.
 Estab.: July 1, 1992
 Cmdr.: Col. Alton Powell

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Oversee execution of Air Force surgeon general policies and programs to transform medical capabilities in support of the warfighter

Leverage science, technology, and information systems to integrate modernization efforts

STRUCTURE

Two divisions
 Two offices

PERSONNEL

Active duty		167
Officers	125	
Enlisted	42	
Reserve components		7
ANG	0	
AFRC	7	
Civilians		84
Total		258

Air Force News Agency

Hq.: San Antonio
 Estab.: June 1, 1978
 Cmdr.: Col. Clifton Douglas Jr.

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

Directorate of News Operations
 Air Force Broadcasting Service
 Army and Air Force Hometown News Service
 Directorate of Staff

PERSONNEL

Active duty		298
Officers	11	
Enlisted	287	
Reserve components		23
ANG	0	
AFRC	23	
Civilians		93
Total		414

Air Force Nuclear Weapons and Counterproliferation Agency

Hq.: Pentagon
 Estab.: August 1998
 Cmdr.: Lt. Col. Kevin Daul

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Provide the warfighter with chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high explosive science and technology to ensure effective nuclear stockpile stewardship and operational and technological options for countering CBRNE threats

Provide technical S&T advice on nuclear weapons and counterproliferation issues to OSD, combatant commanders, major commands, and Air Staff

STRUCTURE

Three divisions
 One operating location

PERSONNEL

Active duty		9
Officers	7	
Enlisted	2	
Civilians		15
Total		24

Air Force Office of Special Investigations

Hq.: Andrews AFB, Md.
 Estab.: Aug. 1, 1948
 Cmdr.: Brig. Gen. Dana A. Simmons

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Deliver special investigations and services to protect Air Force and DOD people, operations, and interests

Identify and resolve crime that threatens 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

Detect and defeat fraud impacting Air Force acquisitions and base level capabilities

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

STRUCTURE

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

PERSONNEL

Active duty		1,529
Officers	323	
Enlisted	1,206	
Reserve components		378
ANG	0	
AFRC	378	
Civilians		666
Total		2,573

Air Force Operations Group

Hq.: Pentagon
 Estab.: July 26, 1977
 Cmdr.: Col. Gregory A. Kern

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Support USAF Chief of Staff and DCS for Operations, Plans, and Requirements 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, National Military Command Center, Army Operations Center, and other federal agencies

STRUCTURE

Two divisions

PERSONNEL

Active duty		60
Officers	27	
Enlisted	33	
Reserve components		10
ANG	0	
AFRC	10	
Total		70

Air Force Personnel Center

Hq.: Randolph AFB, Tex.
 Estab.: Oct. 1, 1995
 Cmdr.: Maj. Gen. K.C. McClain

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Ensure that the Air Force has skilled people in the proper grades and specialties to complete the Air Force mission

Execute policy and programs for assignments, retirements, promotions, civilian personnel operations, individual career development, awards, and decorations

STRUCTURE

Seven directorates

PERSONNEL

Active duty		881
Officers	253	
Enlisted	628	
Reserve components		25
ANG	0	
AFRC	25	
Civilians		945
Total		1,851

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.: Mark E. Doboga

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

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

Provide information technology applications as they relate to the personnel system

Develop and operate officer, enlisted, and civilian models

Support DCS for Personnel

STRUCTURE

One division

PERSONNEL

Active duty		18
Officers	8	
Enlisted	10	
Civilians		79
Total		97



USAF photo

Christopher Mitchell, a special agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, in Afghanistan.

Air Force Petroleum Agency

Hq.: Ft. Belvoir, Va.
 Estab.: Dec. 18, 2006
 Cmdr.: Col. Kenneth P. Hession

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Serve as the control center for all Defense Logistics Agency fuel-related support issues

Provide the full spectrum of technical and professional services for fuels, propellants, chemicals, lubricants, gases, and cryogenics for all aerospace vehicles, systems, and equipment

Provide contingency, operational, and technical support to Air Force installations and fuels managers worldwide

Develop, evaluate, and recommend new or improved technologies to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of fuel operational support capabilities

Oversee and assist commanders in implementation of fuel product distribution and fuel quality programs

Provide specialized capabilities in propellant handling, alternative fuels, suspect product and systems contamination investigations, and laboratory analyses

Develop fuel quality assurance/surveillance standards and fuel product specifications

STRUCTURE

Three directorates
 Six aerospace laboratories worldwide

PERSONNEL

Active duty		34
Officers	8	
Enlisted	26	
Reserve components		7
ANG	0	
AFRC	7	
Total		41

Air Force Real Property Agency

Hq.: Arlington, Va.
 Estab.: Nov. 1, 2002
 Dir.: Kathryn M. Halvorson

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Acquire, dispose, and manage all Air Force-controlled real property worldwide

STRUCTURE

Regional divisions
 Base-level operating locations

PERSONNEL

Civilians	120
Total	120

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
 Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council
 Review Boards Support Office, Randolph AFB, Tex.

PERSONNEL

Active duty		7
Officers	3	
Enlisted	4	
Reserve components		5
ANG	0	
AFRC	5	
Civilians		43
Total		55

Air Force Safety Center

Hq.: Kirtland AFB, N.M.
 Estab.: Jan. 1, 1996
 Cmdr.: Maj. Gen. Wendell L. Griffin

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Manage USAF mishap prevention, risk management, and nuclear surety programs

Develop regulatory guidance

Provide technical assistance in flight, ground, 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

Nine divisions (plus one Air Staff division)

PERSONNEL

Active duty		57
Officers	39	
Enlisted	18	
Reserve components		5
ANG	0	
AFRC	5	
Civilians		48
Total		110

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

Air Force Security Forces Center

Hq.: Lackland AFB, Tex.
Estab.: March 17, 1997
Cmdr.: Col. Robert W. Tirevold

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; conduct USAF-level installation vulnerability assessments

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

Three divisions

Three detachments at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., NAS Miramar, Calif., and Charleston NWC, S.C.

PERSONNEL

Active duty		362
Officers	42	
Enlisted	320	
Reserve components		9
ANG	0	
AFRC	9	
Civilians		26
Total		397

Air Force Services Agency

Hq.: San Antonio
Estab.: Feb. 5, 1991
Cmdr.: Col. Frederic C. Ryder

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

Eight directorates

PERSONNEL

Active duty		71
Officers	22	
Enlisted	49	
Reserve components		5
ANG	0	
AFRC	5	
Civilians		179
Total		255

SSgt. Michael Ragsdale reviews weather data.

Air Force Technical Applications Center

Hq.: Patrick AFB, Fla.
Estab.: July 7, 1959
Cmdr.: Col. Mark W. Westergren

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

STRUCTURE

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

PERSONNEL

Active duty		525
Officers	120	
Enlisted	405	
Total		525

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

Air Force Weather Agency

Hq.: Offutt AFB, Neb.
Estab.: Oct. 15, 1997
Cmdr.: Col. Patrick M. Condray

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Maximize the nation's aerospace and ground combat effectiveness by providing

accurate, relevant, and timely air and space weather information to DOD, coalition, and national users and by providing standardized training and equipment to Air Force weather forces

STRUCTURE

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

Air Force Combat Weather Center, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Solar observatories, operating locations, and detachments around the world

PERSONNEL

Active duty		1,158
Officers	181	
Enlisted	977	
Reserve components		27
ANG	0	
AFRC	27	
Civilians		171
Total		1,356

Formerly Air Weather Service, established July 1, 1937.

ANG Readiness Center

Hq.: Andrews AFB, Md.
Estab.: August 1997
Cmdr.: Col. Joseph L. Lengyel

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Provide combat capability to the warfighter and security to the homeland

STRUCTURE

201st Mission Support Squadron
 11 directorates

PERSONNEL

Active duty		115
Officers	67	
Enlisted	48	
Reserve components		1,142
ANG	1,138	
AFRC	4	
Civilians		464
Total		1,721

USAF photo by SrA. Tabitha Kuykendall



Direct Reporting Units

A direct reporting unit (DRU) is a subdivision directly subordinate to Hq. USAF, separate from any major command or FOA because of a unique mission, legal requirements, or other factors. DRUs have the same administrative and organizational responsibilities as major commands.

Air Force District of Washington

Hq.: Bolling AFB, D.C.
Estab.: July 15, 1994
Cmdr.: Maj. Gen. Frank Gorenc

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Provide Air Force component to the Joint Force Hq.-National Capital Region; USAF voice for planning and implementing cross-service solutions throughout the National Capital Region

Organize, train, equip, and deploy forces for AEFs and homeland defense, civil support, national special security events; flagship ceremonial and musical capability in support of NCR and global interests

Ensure 40,000 USAF members assigned worldwide have operating and UCMJ support

Perform MAJCOM-level responsibilities

STRUCTURE

Headquarters staff
 Three groups: Mission Support Group, Medical Group, and Operations Group
 One wing

PERSONNEL

Active duty		4,113
Officers	696	
Enlisted	3,417	
Reserve components		171
ANG	0	
AFRC	171	
Civilians		1,346
Total		5,630

Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center

Hq.: Kirtland AFB, N.M.
Estab.: Jan. 1, 1974
Cmdr.: Maj. Gen. Stephen T. Sargeant

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Test and evaluate new weapon systems in realistic battlespace environments to provide decision-makers accurate, balanced, and complete assessments of mission capability

Maintain an operational focus, from concept development to system fielding, to ensure warfighters have the right tools to win tomorrow's battles

STRUCTURE

Five detachments at Edwards AFB, Calif., Eglin AFB, Fla., Nellis AFB, Nev., Peterson AFB, Colo., and Kirtland AFB, N.M.
 11 operating locations

PERSONNEL

Active duty		480
Officers	317	
Enlisted	163	
Reserve components		1
ANG	0	
AFRC	1	
Civilians		184
Total		665

US Air Force Academy

Hq.: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Estab.: April 1, 1954
Supt.: Lt. Gen. John F. Regni

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Develop and inspire young men and women to become Air Force officers with knowledge, character, and discipline

Produce dedicated Air Force officers and leaders

Instill leadership through academics, military training, athletic conditioning, and character development

STRUCTURE

The cadet student body is designated the Cadet Wing. The wing is composed of four groups consisting of 10 squadrons each, with about 110 cadets assigned to a squadron. Each squadron consists of members of all four classes.

PERSONNEL

Active duty		2,199
Officers	939	
Enlisted	1,260	
Reserve components		136
ANG	0	
AFRC	136	
Civilians		1,285
Total		3,620

EQUIPMENT

73 aircraft

Cadets complete four years of study for a bachelor of science degree, choosing from 32 different academic majors. Four primary areas of development are stressed in military art and science, theoretical and applied leadership experiences, aviation science and airmanship programs, and military training.

Auxiliary

An Air Force auxiliary is an organization created by statute which the Secretary of the Air Force may use to fulfill the Air Force's noncombat programs and missions. The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is the only USAF auxiliary to date.

Civil Air Patrol

Hq.: Maxwell AFB, Ala.
Estab.: Dec. 1, 1941
Natl. Cmdr.: Brig. Gen. Amy S. Courter, CAP (acting)
Exec. Dir.: Don Rowland

MISSION, PURPOSE, OPERATIONS

Provide vital operational capabilities in support of aerial and ground search and rescue (SAR), disaster relief, a nationwide communications network, and counterdrug and homeland security missions

Conduct 90 percent of all inland SAR missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center

Build strong citizens for the future by providing leadership training, technical education, scholarships, and career education to young men and women, ages 12 to 21, in the CAP Cadet Program

Promote and support aerospace education, both for its own members and the general public, and conduct a national school enrichment program at the middle- and high-school levels

STRUCTURE

CAP is a nonprofit, 501 (c) (3) corporation with a national headquarters that oversees:
 Eight regions
 52 wings (each state, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C.)
 1,521 squadrons

PERSONNEL

Hq. staff		100
Volunteers		56,611
Senior members	34,575	
Cadets	22,036	
Total		56,711

EQUIPMENT

530 single-engine, piston aircraft
 60 gliders
 1,000 vehicles
 Communications equipment



Civil Air Patrol aircraft on the flight line at Westover ARB, Mass.

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