

USAF Almanac

Major Commands

A major command is a subdivision of the Air Force assigned a major part of the Air Force mission and directly subordinate to Hq. USAF. In general, there are two types of major commands: functional and geographical.

Air Combat Command

Headquarters Langley AFB, Va.

Established June 1, 1992

Commander Gen. Hal M. Hornburg

MISSIONS

Operate USAF bombers (active and ANG and AFRC gained); USAF's CONUS-based (active and gained) fighter and attack, reconnaissance, battle management, and command and control aircraft and intelligence and surveillance systems

Organize, train, equip, and maintain combat-ready forces for rapid deployment and employment to meet the challenges of peacetime air sovereignty and wartime air defense

Provide combat airpower to America's warfighting commands (Central, European, Northern, Pacific, and Southern); nuclear, conventional, and information operations forces to STRATCOM; air defense forces to NORAD

COROLLARY MISSIONS

Monitor and intercept illegal drug traffic

Test new combat equipment

FORCE STRUCTURE

Three numbered air forces: **8th**, Barksdale AFB, La.; **9th**, Shaw AFB, S.C.; **12th**, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. Three primary subordinate units: Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center, Langley AFB, Va.; Air Intelligence Agency, Lackland AFB, Tex.; Air Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev. 26 wings Three groups

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Flying hours: 32,425 per month

Major operations

Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan); Iraqi Freedom (Iraq); Noble Eagle (US)

Major training exercises

Air Warrior and AW II; Amalgam Warrior; Baltops; Blue Advance; Blue Flag; Bright Star; Cooperative Zenith; Eagle Flag; Fuertas Defensas; Global Guardian; Initial Link; Internal Look; Joint Task Force Exercise; Linked Seas; Maple Flag; New Horizons; Northern Viking; Red Flag; Roving Sands; Rugged Arch; Strong Resolve

PERSONNEL

(as of Sept. 30, 2003)

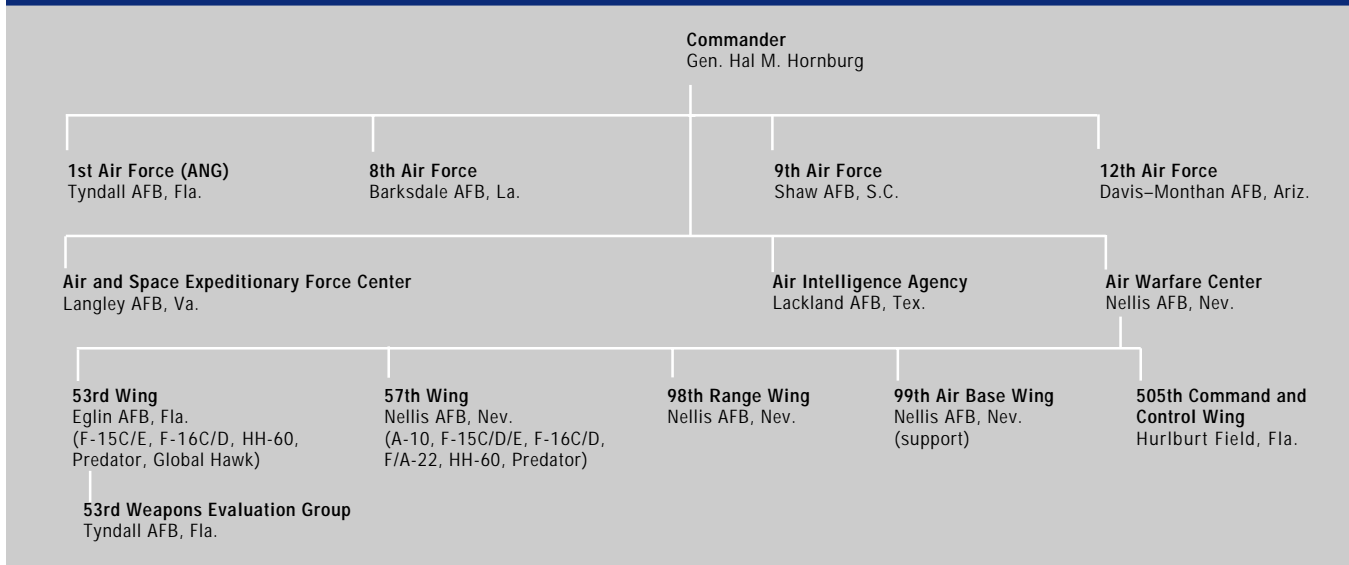
Active duty		93,115
Officers	13,094	
Enlisted	80,021	
Reserve components		54,459
ANG	45,469	
AFRC	8,990	
Civilian		9,690
Total		157,264



The B-2 Spirit of Pennsylvania from the 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo., sits on the ramp at Nellis AFB, Nev. The bomber and personnel from Whiteman were at Nellis participating in a Red Flag exercise.

USAF photo by MSgt. Michael R. Nixon

AIR COMBAT COMMAND, LANGLEY AFB, VA.



EQUIPMENT

(Primary aircraft inventory as of Sept. 30, 2003)

Bombers	114	Recon/BM/C3I	106
Fighter/Attack	693	Tanker	13
Helicopter	36	Trainer	36

UNIT	BASE	WEAPONS
1st Fighter Wing	Langley AFB, Va.	F-15C/D
2nd Bomb Wing	Barksdale AFB, La.	B-52H
4th Fighter Wing	Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.	F-15E
5th Bomb Wing	Minot AFB, N.D.	B-52H
7th Bomb Wing	Dyess AFB, Tex.	B-1B
9th Reconnaissance Wing	Beale AFB, Calif.	T-38, U-2R/S
20th Fighter Wing	Shaw AFB, S.C.	F-16C/CJ/D
23rd Fighter Group ^a	Pope AFB, N.C.	A/OA-10
27th Fighter Wing	Cannon AFB, N.M.	F-16C/D
28th Bomb Wing	Ellsworth AFB, S.D.	B-1B
33rd Fighter Wing	Eglin AFB, Fla.	F-15C/D
49th Fighter Wing	Holloman AFB, N.M.	F-117A, T-38B, German F-4F
53rd Wing	Eglin AFB, Fla.	F-15C/E, F-16C/D, HH-60, Predator, Global Hawk
53rd Weapons Evaluation Group ^b	Tyndall AFB, Fla.	BQM-34, MQM-107, QF-4
55th Electronic Combat Group	Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.	EC-130H
55th Wing	Offutt AFB, Neb.	E-4B, OC-135B, RC-135S/U/V/W, TC-135S/W
57th Wing	Nellis AFB, Nev.	A-10, F-15C/D/E, F-16C/D, F/A-22, HH-60, Predator
67th Information Operations Wing	Lackland AFB, Tex.	—
70th Intelligence Wing	Ft. Meade, Md.	—
98th Range Wing	Nellis AFB, Nev.	—
99th Air Base Wing	Nellis AFB, Nev. (support)	—
116th Air Control Wing ^c	Robins AFB, Ga.	E-8C
355th Wing	Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.	A/OA-10
366th Fighter Wing	Mountain Home AFB, Idaho	F-15C/D/E, F-16CJ/D
388th Fighter Wing	Hill AFB, Utah	F-16C/D
480th Intelligence Wing	Langley AFB, Va.	—
505th Command and Control Wing	Hurlburt Field, Fla.	—
509th Bomb Wing	Whiteman AFB, Mo.	B-2, T-38
552nd Air Control Wing	Tinker AFB, Okla.	E-3B/C

^aPart of 4th Fighter Wing. ^bPart of 53rd Wing. ^cBlended wing with active duty and ANG personnel.

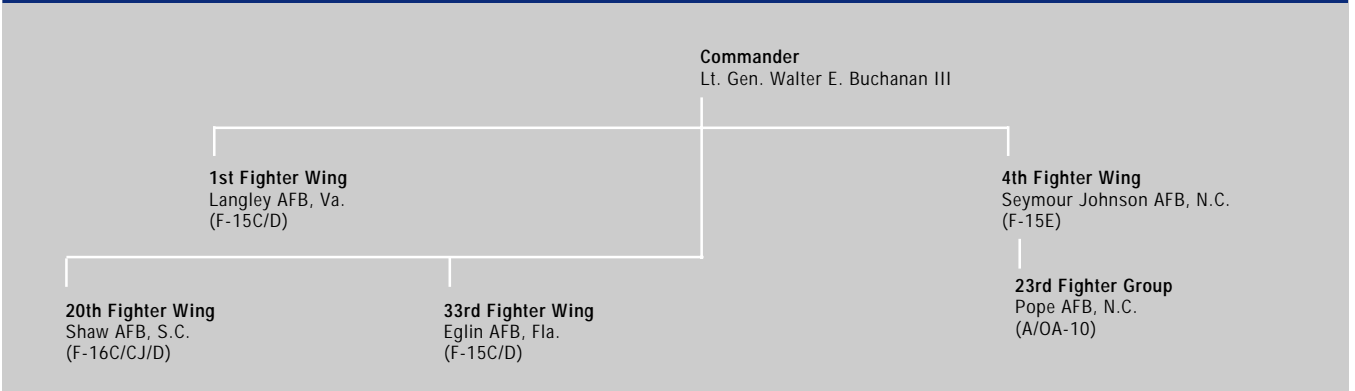


An F-16CJ Fighting Falcon, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C., flies over New York City during a mission in support of Operation Noble Eagle, the homeland defense effort.

8th AIR FORCE (ACC), BARKSDALE AFB, LA.



9th AIR FORCE (ACC), SHAW AFB, S.C.





AETC

Air Education and Training Command

Headquarters Randolph AFB, Tex.

Established July 1, 1993

Commander Gen. Donald G. Cook

MISSIONS

Recruit, train, and educate quality people
Provide basic military training, initial and advanced technical training, flying training, and professional military and degree-granting professional education
Conduct joint, medical service, readiness, and Air Force security assistance training

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

Recall of individual ready reservists. Mobility and contingency tasking support to combatant commanders

FORCE STRUCTURE

Two numbered air forces and an educational headquarters: **2nd**, Keesler AFB, Miss.; **19th**, Randolph AFB, Tex.; **Air University**, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
Three DRUs: Air Force Recruiting Service and Air Force Security Assistance Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Tex., and 59th Medical Wing, Lackland AFB, Tex.
16 wings
Three groups
One squadron



USAF photo by MSGt. Efrain Gonzalez

Basic trainees scramble to don chemical warfare suits as part of Warrior Week training at Lackland AFB, Tex. The seven-day session prepares airmen for worldwide deployment.

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Flying hours: 48,181 per month

PERSONNEL

(as of Sept. 30, 2003)

Active duty		71,666
Officers	15,332	
Enlisted	56,334	
Reserve components		7,966
ANG	4,739	
AFRC	3,227	
Civilian		14,712
Total		94,344

EQUIPMENT

(PAI as of Sept. 30, 2003)

Fighter/Attack	219
Helicopter	17
Special Operations Forces	17
Tanker	25
Trainer	914
Transport	56

UNIT	BASE	WEAPONS
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Flying/Aircrew Training Units (Active)

12th Flying Training Wing	Randolph AFB, Tex.	T-1, T-6, T-37, T-38, T-43
14th Flying Training Wing	Columbus AFB, Miss.	T-1, T-37, T-38
45th Airlift Squadron ^a	Keesler AFB, Miss.	C-21
47th Flying Training Wing	Laughlin AFB, Tex.	T-1, T-6, T-37, T-38
56th Fighter Wing	Luke AFB, Ariz.	F-16
58th Special Operations Wing	Kirtland AFB, N.M.	HC-130N/P, MC-130H, MC-130P, HH-60G, MH-53, UH-1
71st Flying Training Wing	Vance AFB, Okla.	T-1, T-37, T-38
80th Flying Training Wing	Sheppard AFB, Tex.	T-37, T-38
97th Air Mobility Wing	Altus AFB, Okla.	C-5, C-17, KC-135
314th Airlift Wing	Little Rock AFB, Ark.	C-130E
325th Fighter Wing	Tyndall AFB, Fla.	F-15, F/A-22
336th Training Group	Fairchild AFB, Wash.	UH-1
479th Flying Training Group	Moody AFB, Ga.	T-6, T-38C

Technical Training Units

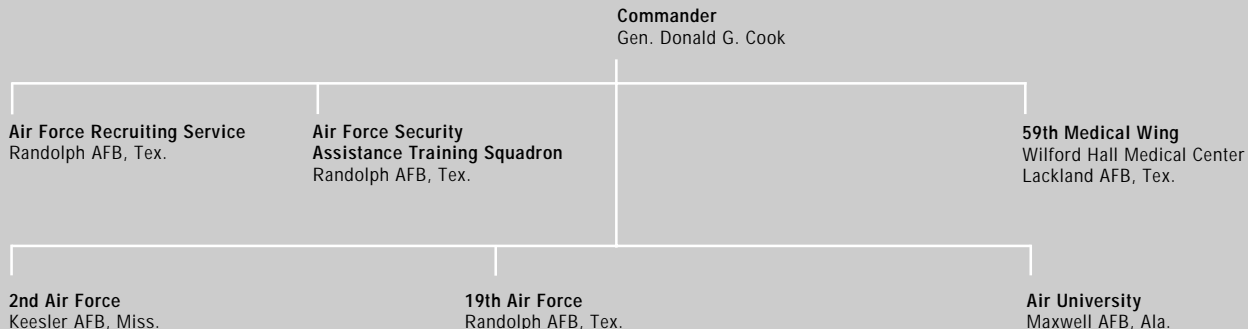
17th Training Wing	Goodfellow AFB, Tex.	
37th Training Wing	Lackland AFB, Tex.	
81st Training Wing	Keesler AFB, Miss.	
82nd Training Wing	Sheppard AFB, Tex.	
381st Training Group	Vandenberg AFB, Calif.	

Other Major Units

Air University	Maxwell AFB, Ala.	
Air Force Recruiting Service	Randolph AFB, Tex.	
42nd Air Base Wing	Maxwell AFB, Ala.	
59th Medical Wing	Lackland AFB, Tex.	

^aPart of 314th Airlift Wing.

AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND, RANDOLPH AFB, TEX.



2nd AIR FORCE (AETC), KEESLER AFB, MISS.



19th AIR FORCE (AETC), RANDOLPH AFB, TEX.



AIR UNIVERSITY (AETC), MAXWELL AFB, ALA.



Air Force Materiel Command

Headquarters Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Established July 1, 1992

Commander Gen. Gregory S. Martin

MISSIONS

Design, develop, and acquire advanced technology to achieve air superiority
Operate major product, logistics, and test centers and the Air Force Research Laboratory
Deliver war-winning expeditionary capabilities to the warfighter through technology, acquisition support, and sustainment

FORCE STRUCTURE

Three major product centers
Two test centers
Three air logistics centers
Three specialized centers
One laboratory, 10 directorates, at various locations
10 wings
Two groups

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Flying hours: 1,500 per month

PERSONNEL

(as of Sept. 30, 2003)

Active duty		23,377
Officers	7,222	
Enlisted	16,155	
Reserve components		5,316
ANG	2,099	
AFRC	3,217	
Civilian		56,497
Total		85,190

EQUIPMENT

(PAI as of Sept. 30, 2003)

Bomber	4	Helicopter	5
Fighter/Attack	53	Tanker	4
		Trainer	13
		Transport	22

UNIT

BASE

Aeronautical Systems Center	Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Aerospace Maintenance & Regeneration Center	Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
Air Armament Center	Eglin AFB, Fla.
Air Force Flight Test Center	Edwards AFB, Calif.
Air Force Research Laboratory	Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Air Force Security Assistance Center	Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Arnold Engineering Development Center	Arnold AFB, Tenn.
Electronic Systems Center	Hanscom AFB, Mass.
Materiel Systems Group	Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Ogden Air Logistics Center	Hill AFB, Utah
Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center	Tinker AFB, Okla.
Standard Systems Group	Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.
US Air Force Museum	Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Warner Robins Air Logistics Center	Robins AFB, Ga.
46th Test Wing	Edwards AFB, Calif.
66th Air Base Wing	Hanscom AFB, Mass.
72nd Air Base Wing	Tinker AFB, Okla.
75th Air Base Wing	Hill AFB, Utah
78th Air Base Wing	Robins AFB, Ga.
95th Air Base Wing	Edwards AFB, Calif.
96th Air Base Wing	Eglin AFB, Fla.
311th Human Systems Wing	Brooks City-Base, Tex.
377th Air Base Wing	Kirtland AFB, N.M.
412th Test Wing	Edwards AFB, Calif.

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO



Air Force Space Command

Headquarters Peterson AFB, Colo.

Established Sept. 1, 1982

Commander Gen. Lance W. Lord

MISSIONS

Operate and test USAF ICBM forces for STRATCOM; missile warning radars, sensors, and satellites; national space-launch facilities and operational boosters; worldwide space surveillance radars and optical systems; worldwide space environmental systems
Provide command and control for DOD satellites; ballistic missile warning to NORAD and STRATCOM; space weather support to entire DOD
Produce and acquire advanced space systems

COROLLARY MISSIONS

Develop and integrate space support for the warfighter
Serve as lead command for all USAF UH-1 helicopter programs

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

Provide communications, computer, and base support to NORAD; technology safeguard monitors to support launches of US satellites on foreign launch vehicles
Supply range and launch facilities for military, civil, and commercial space launch

FORCE STRUCTURE

Two numbered air forces: **14th**, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; **20th**, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
One major product center: Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
One DRU: Space Warfare Center, Schriever AFB, Colo.
Eight wings



USAF photo by A1C Mike Meares

SrA. Nayibe Ramos runs through a checklist during GPS satellite operations at Schriever AFB, Colo. This operations center controls a constellation of satellites that provides navigation data to military and civilian users worldwide.

PERSONNEL

(as of Sept. 30, 2003)

Active duty		19,523
Officers	5,164	
Enlisted	14,359	
Reserve components		1,475
ANG	486	
AFRC	989	
Civilian		6,471
Total		27,469

EQUIPMENT

(as of Sept. 30, 2003)

Ballistic missile warning systems:
DSP satellites, Ballistic Missile Early Warning System, Pave PAWS radars, Perimeter Acquisition Radar Attack Characterization System, and conventional radars

Helicopters:	18
ICBMs: Peacekeeper	23
Minuteman III	500

Satellite command and control system: Air Force Satellite Control Network

Satellite systems (as of Jan. 1, 2003):

GPS: Block II/IIA/IIR	28
DMSP	5
DSCS III	13
Milstar	5
Interim Polar System	2

Space surveillance systems:
Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance System and phased-array, mechanical tracking, and passive surveillance radars

AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND, PETERSON AFB, COLO.

Commander
Gen. Lance W. Lord

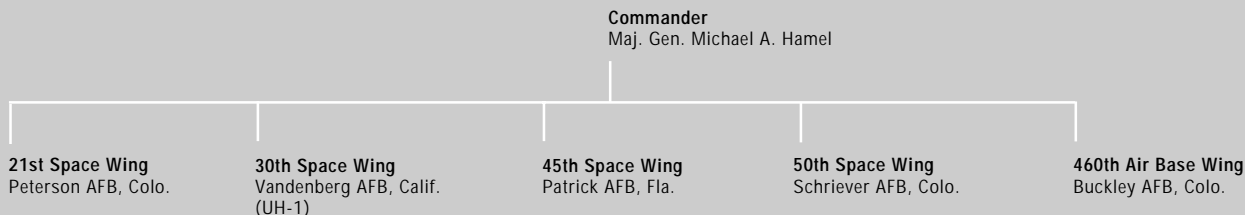
14th Air Force
Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Space and Missile Systems
Center
Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

Space Warfare Center
Schriever AFB, Colo.

20th Air Force
F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

14th AIR FORCE (AFSPC), VANDENBERG AFB, CALIF.



20th AIR FORCE (AFSPC), F.E. WARREN AFB, WYO.



UNIT	BASE	WEAPONS/FUNCTIONS
21st Space Wing	Peterson AFB, Colo.	Missile warning and space surveillance
30th Space Wing	Vandenberg AFB, Calif.	Launches, range operations, support for space and ICBM test, UH-1
45th Space Wing	Patrick AFB, Fla.	Launch, range operations, support for shuttle program, and US Navy Trident test
50th Space Wing	Schriever AFB, Colo.	Satellite command and control
90th Space Wing	F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.	Minuteman III and Peacekeeper ICBMs, UH-1
91st Space Wing	Minot AFB, N.D.	Minuteman III ICBM, UH-1
341st Space Wing	Malmstrom AFB, Mont.	Minuteman III ICBM, UH-1
460th Air Base Wing	Buckley AFB, Colo.	Missile warning and space communications
Space & Missile Systems Center	Los Angeles AFB, Calif.	R&D, purchase of military space systems

AFSOC

Air Force Special Operations Command

Headquarters Hurlburt Field, Fla.
 Established May 22, 1990
 Commander Lt. Gen. Paul V. Hester

MISSIONS

Serve as the Air Force component of SOCOM
 Provide forces for worldwide deployment and assignment to regional unified commands to conduct agile combat support, combat aviation advisory operations, information warfare, personnel recovery and rescue operations, precision aerospace fires, psychological op-

erations, and specialized aerospace mobility and refueling

FORCE STRUCTURE

Two wings
 Four groups
 Two squadrons
 Air Force Rescue Coordination Center
 USAF Special Operations School

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Flying hours: 3,800 per month

Major operations

Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan); Iraqi Freedom (Iraq); Noble Eagle (US)

PERSONNEL

(as of Sept. 30, 2003)

Active duty		9,407
Officers	1,614	
Enlisted	7,793	
Reserve components		5,272
ANG	2,971	
AFRC	2,301	
Civilian		743
Total		15,422

EQUIPMENT

(PAI as of Sept. 30, 2003)

Helicopter	2
SOF	71
Transport	2



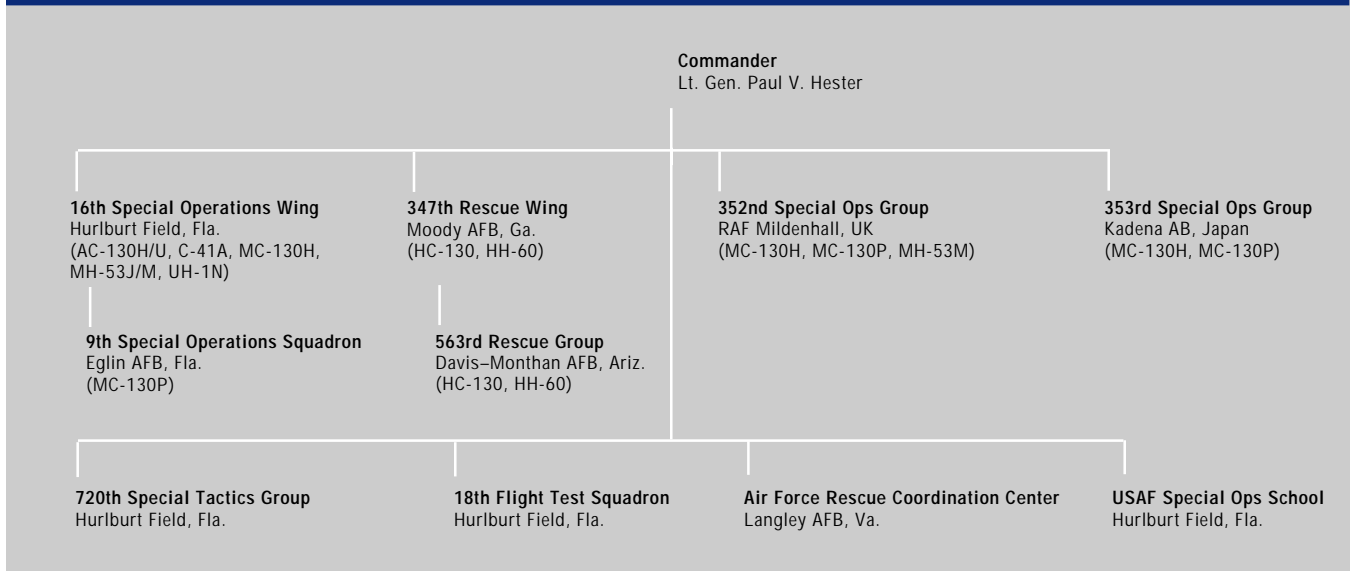
USAF photo by TSgt. Justin D. Pyle

SSgt. Carlos Clements, a loadmaster on an MC-130P Combat Shadow, RAF Mildenhall, UK, waits for takeoff prior to a refueling mission at the Lungi Airport in Sierra Leone on Aug. 6, 2003.

UNIT	BASE	WEAPONS
9th Special Operations Squadron ^a	Eglin AFB, Fla.	MC-130P
16th Special Operations Wing	Hurlburt Field, Fla.	AC-130H/U, C-41A, MC-130H, MH-53J/M, UH-1N
18th Flight Test Squadron	Hurlburt Field, Fla.	—
347th Rescue Wing	Moody AFB, Ga.	HC-130, HH-60
352nd Special Operations Group	RAF Mildenhall, UK	MC-130H, MC-130P, MH-53M
353rd Special Operations Group	Kadena AB, Japan	MC-130H, MC-130P
563rd Rescue Group ^b	Davis–Monthan AFB, Ariz.	HC-130, HH-60
720th Special Tactics Group	Hurlburt Field, Fla.	—
Air Force Rescue Coordination Center	Langley AFB, Va.	—
USAF Special Operations School	Hurlburt Field, Fla.	—

^aPart of 16th SOW. ^bPart of 347th Rescue Wing.

AIR FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND, HURLBURT FIELD, FLA.



Air Mobility Command

Headquarters Scott AFB, Ill.

Established June 1, 1992

Commander Gen. John W. Handy

MISSIONS

Provide rapid global mobility and sustainment through tactical and strategic airlift and aerial refueling for US armed forces

COROLLARY MISSIONS

Provide special duty and operational support aircraft and global humanitarian support
Perform peacetime and wartime aeromedical evacuation missions

FORCE STRUCTURE

One numbered air force: **18th**, Scott AFB, Ill.

Two expeditionary mobility task forces: 15th, Travis AFB, Calif.; 21st, McGuire AFB, N.J.

Three DRUs: Air Mobility Warfare Center, Ft. Dix, N.J.; Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott AFB, Ill.; Defense Courier Service, Ft. Meade, Md.

12 wings
Three groups

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Flying hours: 41,272 per month

Major operations

Deep Freeze (Antarctic); Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan); Iraqi Freedom (Iraq); Noble Eagle (US); Wildland Wildfire (US fire fighting)

Major training exercises

Cobra Gold; Determined Promise; Flintlock; Global Guardian; Internal Look; JTFEX; Joint Readiness Training Center Exercises; New Horizons; Reception Staging and Onward Integration; Red Flag; Terminal Fury; Ulchi Focus Lens

PERSONNEL

(as of Sept. 30, 2003)

Active duty		53,083
Officers	9,185	
Enlisted	43,898	
Reserve components		86,547
ANG	40,177	
AFRC	46,370	
Civilian		8,727
Total		148,357



USAF photo by SSgt. Lee A. Osberry Jr.

US Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Joe Belcher



TSgt. Gabe Renteria (above), a loadmaster with the 745th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, checks an engine before a supply mission at a forward operating base. At left, a C-17 from Charleston AFB, S.C., is on final approach at Bagram airfield, Afghanistan.

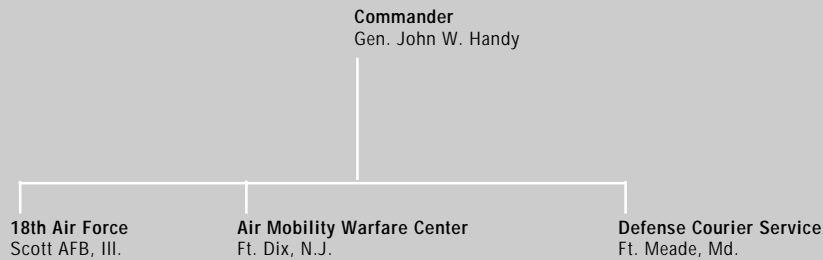
EQUIPMENT

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Helicopter	15
Tanker	217
Transport	306

UNIT	BASE	WEAPONS
6th Air Mobility Wing	MacDill AFB, Fla.	C-37, KC-135
19th Air Refueling Group	Robins AFB, Ga.	KC-135
22nd Air Refueling Wing	McConnell AFB, Kan.	KC-135
43rd Airlift Wing	Pope AFB, N.C.	C-130
60th Air Mobility Wing	Travis AFB, Calif.	C-5, KC-10
62nd Airlift Wing	McChord AFB, Wash.	C-17
89th Airlift Wing	Andrews AFB, Md.	C-9, C-20, C-32, C-37, C-40, VC-25, UH-1
92nd Air Refueling Wing	Fairchild AFB, Wash.	KC-135
305th Air Mobility Wing	McGuire AFB, N.J.	C-141, KC-10
317th Airlift Group	Dyess AFB, Tex.	C-130
319th Air Refueling Wing	Grand Forks AFB, N.D.	KC-135
375th Airlift Wing	Scott AFB, Ill.	C-21
436th Airlift Wing	Dover AFB, Del.	C-5
437th Airlift Wing	Charleston AFB, S.C.	C-17
463rd Airlift Group	Little Rock AFB, Ark.	C-130

AIR MOBILITY COMMAND, SCOTT AFB, ILL.



18TH AIR FORCE (AMC), SCOTT AFB, ILL.



PACAF

Pacific Air Forces

Headquarters Hickam AFB, Hawaii

Established July 1, 1957

Commander Gen. William J. Begert

MISSIONS

Provide ready air and space power to promote US interests in the Asia-Pacific region during peacetime, crisis, and war

FORCE STRUCTURE

Four numbered air forces: **5th**, Yokota AB, Japan; **7th**, Osan AB, South Korea; **11th**, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; **13th**, Andersen AFB, Guam
 Nine wings
 One squadron

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Flying hours: 10,903 per month

Major operations

Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan); Iraqi Freedom (Iraq)

Major training exercises

Balikatan; Cobra Gold; Commando Sling; Cope India; Cope North; Cope Thunder; Cope Tiger; Foal Eagle; Geronimo Thrust; Keen Sword; Positive Force; Reception Staging Onward Movement and Integration; Tandem Thrust; Ulchi Focus Lens



Capt. Todd Lafortune gets strapped into an F-16C by his crew chief, SSgt. Trent Fairchild, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, South Korea.

USAF photo by SSGT. Michael R. Holzworth

PERSONNEL

(as of Sept. 30, 2003)

Active duty	34,095	Reserve components	5,242
Officers	4,344	ANG	4,709
Enlisted	29,751	AFRC	533
		Civilian	8,464
		Total	47,801

UNIT	BASE	WEAPONS
3rd Wing	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska	C-12, C-130H, E-3B/C, F-15C/D, F-15E
8th Fighter Wing	Kunsan AB, South Korea	F-16C/D
15th Airlift Wing	Hickam AFB, Hawaii	C-37
18th Wing	Kadena AB, Japan	E-3B/C, F-15C/D, KC-135R, HH-60G
35th Fighter Wing	Misawa AB, Japan	F-16C/D
36th Air Base Wing	Andersen AFB, Guam	—
51st Fighter Wing	Osan AB, South Korea	A/OA-10A, C-12, F-16C/D
354th Fighter Wing	Eielson AFB, Alaska	A/OA-10A, F-16C/D
374th Airlift Wing	Yokota AB, Japan	C-21A, C-130E/H, UH-1N
497th Fighter Training Squadron	Paya Lebar Airfield, Singapore ^a	Rotational fighter aircraft

^aBase owned by Singapore government.

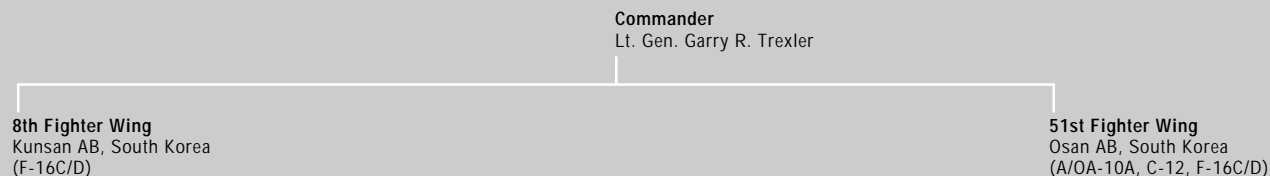
PACIFIC AIR FORCES, HICKAM AFB, HAWAII



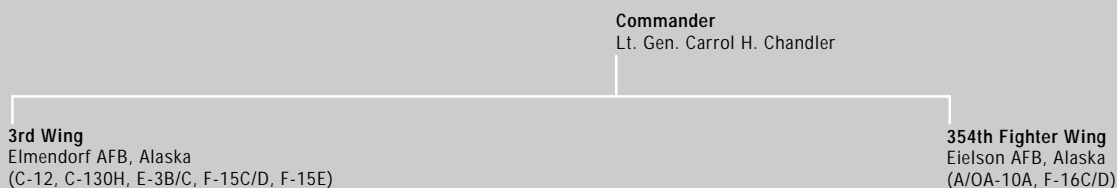
5th AIR FORCE (PACAF), YOKOTA AB, JAPAN



7th AIR FORCE (PACAF), OSAN AB, SOUTH KOREA



11th AIR FORCE (PACAF), ELMENDORF AFB, ALASKA



EQUIPMENT

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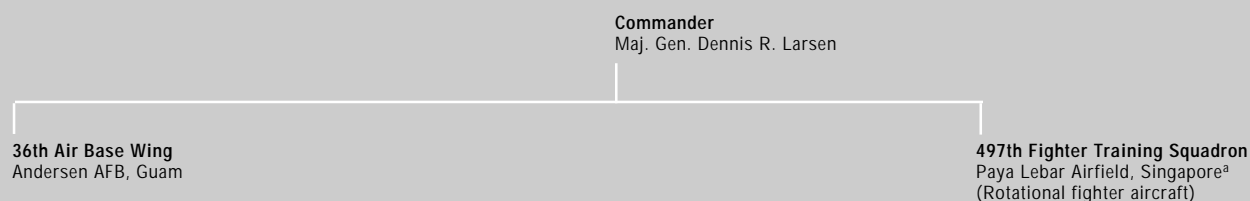
Fighter/Attack	263
Helicopter	11
Recon	3
Tanker	7
Transport	36

A1Cs Shaetel Makey (left) and Ashely Maddox, both members of the 374th Maintenance Group, Yokota AB, Japan, inspect the repainted cowling of a C-130 engine.



USAF photo by MSgt. Val Gempis

13th AIR FORCE (PACAF), ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM



^aBase owned by Singapore government.

USAFE

US Air Forces in Europe

Headquarters Ramstein AB, Germany

Established Aug. 7, 1945

Commander Gen. Robert H. Foglesong

MISSIONS

Provide the joint force commander rapidly deployable expeditionary aerospace forces

COROLLARY MISSIONS

Plan, conduct, coordinate, and support air and space operations to achieve US national and NATO objectives based on EUCOM taskings Develop and maintain light, lean, lethal, and rapid expeditionary aerospace forces

Establish and maintain expeditionary bases

Support US military plans and operations in Europe, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, and Africa

FORCE STRUCTURE

Two numbered air forces: **3rd**, RAF Mildenhall, UK; **16th**, Aviano AB, Italy
Eight wings
One group

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Flying hours: 7,700 per month

Major operations

Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan); Iraqi Freedom (Iraq); Joint Forge (Bosnia); Joint Guardian (Kosovo)



USAF photo by SSgt. Lee A. Osberry Jr.

An F-15E Strike Eagle from the 494th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron patrols the skies over Baghdad during a combat air support mission. The 494th deployed from RAF Lakenheath, UK, for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Major training exercises

Able Ally; Able Gain; African Eagle; African Lion; Agile Leader; Agile Response; Anatolian Eagle; Atlas Drop; Baltops; Blue Game; Cannon Cloud;

Clean Hunter; Combined Endeavor; Cooperative Key; Destined Glory; Dimming Sun; Flintlock; Immediate Response; Juniper Stallion; Medflag; Positive Force; Rescuer/Medceur;

US AIR FORCES IN EUROPE, RAMSTEIN AB, GERMANY



The USAFE organizational chart above shows peacetime lines of command. The chart below shows the NATO wartime command lines.



Senior Commander Warfighting Seminar; Sentry White Eagle; Union Flash; Victory Strike

PERSONNEL

(as of Sept. 30, 2003)

Active duty		29,278
Officers	3,768	
Enlisted	25,510	
Reserve components		407
ANG	194	
AFRC	213	
Civilian		5,817
Total		35,502

EQUIPMENT

(PAI as of Sept. 30, 2003)

Fighter/Attack	174
Tanker	15
Transport	30



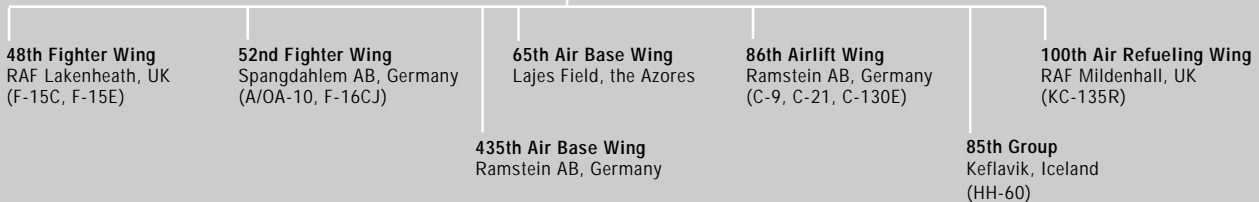
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From left, Capt. Jonathan Dowty, Maj. Lee Spechler, and Capts. Bryan Tash and Matt Glynn—52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem AB, Germany—use GPS units and other gear to find a pickup zone during an exercise.

UNIT	BASE	WEAPONS
31st Fighter Wing	Aviano AB, Italy	F-16C/D
39th Air Base Wing	Incirlik AB, Turkey	Tactical range and contingency support, rotational aircraft
48th Fighter Wing	RAF Lakenheath, UK	F-15C, F-15E
52nd Fighter Wing	Spangdahlem AB, Germany	A/OA-10, F-16CJ
65th Air Base Wing	Lajes Field, the Azores	—
85th Group	Keflavik, Iceland	HH-60
86th Airlift Wing	Ramstein AB, Germany	C-9, C-21, C-130E
100th Air Refueling Wing	RAF Mildenhall, UK	KC-135R
435th Air Base Wing	Ramstein AB, Germany	—

3rd AIR FORCE (USAFE), RAF MILDENHALL, UK

Commander
Maj. Gen. Michael W. Wooley



16th AIR FORCE (USAFE), AVIANO AB, ITALY

Commander
Lt. Gen. Glen W. Moorhead III

