Air Force Statement on Wing Reorganization, July 1, 2008:

The acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley has directed the delay of the Global Wing Organizational Structure implementation. The global wing structure is designed to realign fighter, bomber and rescue aircraft maintenance units (AMUs) into flying squadrons. The initiative would also rename all maintenance groups as materiel groups composed of logistics readiness squadrons, aerial port squadrons, maintenance squadrons and other maintenance functions not transferring with the AMUs.

Units across the Air Force had been directed to implement these changes between July 1, 2008 and November 30, 2008. Secretary Donley directed the delay in order to have an opportunity to discuss the appropriateness and timeliness of these changes with Air Force senior leaders within the context of today's new realities. A final implementation decision will not be made until after the Secretary has conducted these discussions.