

FOAs, DRUs, and Civil Air Patrol

A FOA is a Field Operating Unit, an organization that performs a specialized function not performed by any other command, which reports to Headquarters, USAF. A Direct Reporting Unit (DRU) reports directly to the Chief of Staff. The Air Force Auxiliary is the Civil Air Patrol. Personnel numbers are for Active Duty.



Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation

Headquarters: Orlando, Fla.
Date of Current Designation: June 3, 1996
Type: Field Operating Agency (FOA)

Mission: Oversee air, space, and cyberspace modeling and simulation requirements and provide joint interoperability standards within live, virtual, and constructive (LVC) domains. **Personnel:** 7



Air Force Audit Agency

Headquarters: Pentagon
Date of Current Designation: Dec. 31, 1971
Type: FOA

Mission: Provide independent, objective, and quality internal audit service. **Personnel:** 0



Air Force Cost Analysis Agency

Headquarters: Arlington, Va.
Date of Current Designation: Aug. 1, 1991
Type: FOA

Mission: Perform independent cost and risk analyses and provide special studies to aid long-range planning. **Personnel:** 11



Air Force District of Washington

Headquarters: JB Andrews, Md.
Date of Current Designation: July 7, 2005
Type: Direct Reporting Unit (DRU)

Mission: Orchestrate support for National Capital Region activities; train, equip, and provide forces for contingency, homeland, and ceremonial support operations. **Personnel:** 134



Air Force Flight Standards Agency

Headquarters: Tinker AFB, Okla.
Date of Current Designation: Oct. 1, 1991
Type: FOA

Mission: Develop, standardize, evaluate, and certify policy, procedures, and equipment for flight operations and centrally manage air traffic control and landing systems. **Personnel:** 114



Air Force Historical Research Agency

Headquarters: Maxwell AFB, Ala.
Date of Current Designation: Sept. 1, 1991
Type: FOA

Mission: Research, record, and disseminate history; collect, preserve, and manage historical document collection and oral history program; determine unit lineage and honors; verify aerial victory credits. **Personnel:** 0



Air Force Inspection Agency

Headquarters: Kirtland AFB, N.M.
Date of Current Designation: Aug. 1, 1991
Type: FOA

Mission: Provide independent assessments of operations and activities; conduct nuclear surety inspection oversight, training, and certification; serve as primary action arm of the Secretary of the Air Force's inspection system. **Personnel:** 92



Air Force Legal Operations Agency

Headquarters: JB Andrews, Md.
Date of Current Designation: Sept. 1, 1991
Type: FOA

Mission: Administer military justice programs; provide legal research technology and train legal professionals; support the Department of Justice in civil or criminal litigation pertaining to the Air Force. **Personnel:** 582



Air Force Manpower Analysis Agency

Headquarters: JBSA-Randolph, Texas
Date of Current Designation: June 1, 2015
Type: FOA

Mission: Measure and document Air Force manpower requirements. **Personnel:** 64



Air Force Medical Readiness Agency

Headquarters: Falls Church, Va.
Date of Current Designation: June 28, 2019
Type: FOA

Mission: Enterprise-level policy development, management and oversight of medical readiness programs, strategic partnerships, medical capability development, operational medical logistics, dental operations, and programs unique to the deployed environment and to the Air Force. The Air Force activated the agency while simultaneously deactivating the Air Force Medical Operations Agency and Air Force Medical Support Agency. **Personnel:** 156



Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations

Headquarters: Dover AFB, Del.
Date of Current Designation: Jan. 6, 2009
Type: FOA

Mission: Ensure respectful handling, dignity, and honor of the fallen; provide care, service, and support to family of the fallen; transfer remains. **Personnel:** 20



Air Force Office of Special Investigations

Headquarters: Quantico, Va.
Date of Current Designation: Dec. 20, 1971
Type: FOA

Mission: Provide investigative service to USAF commanders; identify, exploit, and neutralize criminal, terrorist, and intelligence threats; combat threats to information systems and technologies; defeat fraud affecting acquisitions and base-level capabilities. **Personnel:** 121



Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center

Headquarters: Kirtland AFB, N.M.
Date of Current Designation: April 4, 1983
Type: DRU

Mission: Test and evaluate new weapon systems. **Personnel:** 337



Air Force Operations Group

Headquarters: Pentagon
Date of Current Designation: April 1, 1995
Type: FOA

Mission: Provide 24-hour watch on current operations; train and staff Crisis Action Team; develop weather data for National Command Authority, Joint Chiefs of Staff, National Military Command Center, Army Operations Center, and other federal agencies. **Personnel:** 40



Air Force Personnel Center

Headquarters: JBSA-Randolph, Texas
Date of Current Designation: Oct. 1, 1995
Type: FOA

Mission: Identify proper grades, specialties, and skill levels for USAF mission; manage assignments; monitor professional development; plan and schedule expeditionary forces; oversee airmen and family readiness centers; assist casualty reporting and missing in action/prisoner of war actions. **Personnel:** 687



Air Force Public Affairs Agency

Headquarters: JBSA-Lackland, Texas
Date of Current Designation: Oct. 1, 2008
Type: FOA

Mission: Develop and sustain public affairs products; provide combat camera and graphics support; test emerging technologies; manage public affairs personnel deployments. **Personnel:** 62



Air Force Review Boards Agency

Headquarters: JB Andrews, Md.
Date of Current Designation: Aug. 1, 1991
Type: FOA

Mission: Manage military and civilian appellate processes; serve as lead agent for DOD Physical Disability Board of Review. **Personnel:** 28



Air Force Safety Center

Headquarters: Kirtland AFB, N.M.
Date of Current Designation: Jan. 1, 1996
Type: FOA

Mission: Manage mishap prevention, risk management, and nuclear surety programs; provide flight, ground, weapons, human factors, and space safety technical assistance; oversee major command mishap investigations and evaluate corrective actions; direct safety education programs. **Personnel:** 48



Air National Guard Readiness Center

Headquarters: JB Andrews, Md.
Date of Current Designation: June 1, 1992
Type: FOA

Mission: Ensure field units have resources to train and equip forces for state and federal missions; sustain airmen and help shape leadership capability. **Personnel:** 33



US Air Force Academy

Headquarters: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Date of Current Designation: April 1, 1954
Type: DRU

Mission: Develop, educate, and inspire young men and women to become USAF officers with knowledge, character, and discipline. **Personnel:** 241 **Cadets:** 4,223



Civil Air Patrol

Headquarters: Maxwell AFB, Ala.
Date of Current Designation: Dec. 1, 1941
Type: Auxiliary

Mission: Provide operational capabilities to support search and rescue, disaster relief, a nationwide communications network, and counterdrug and homeland security missions; conduct leadership training, and career and technical education for CAP Cadet Program; promote aerospace education. **Total Volunteers:** 64,801