

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

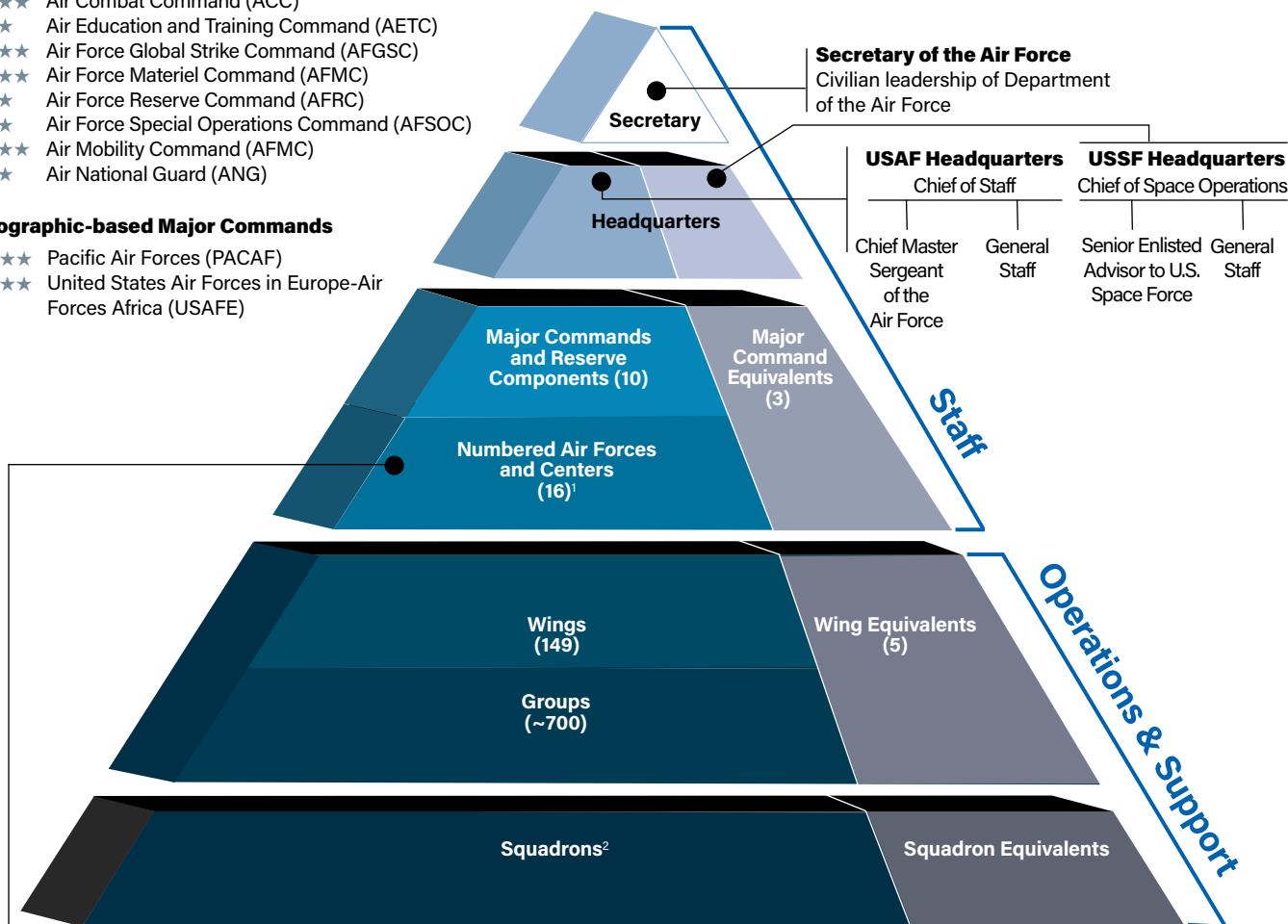
The U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force are distinct military services contained within a single Department. Each service is headed by a Chief of Staff/Chief of Space Operations, who is responsible for manning, training, and equipping the force. The two services can be viewed as parts of the same pyramid, with each echelon of each service falling in parallel under a single Department Secretary at the top. Details about the long-term makeup of the Space Force had not yet been decided at press time. How the Department and its two services stack up:

Function-based Major Commands and Reserve Components

- ★★★★ Air Combat Command (ACC)
- ★★★ Air Education and Training Command (AETC)
- ★★★★ Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC)
- ★★★★ Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC)
- ★★★ Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC)
- ★★★ Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC)
- ★★★★ Air Mobility Command (AFMC)
- ★★★ Air National Guard (ANG)

Geographic-based Major Commands

- ★★★★ Pacific Air Forces (PACAF)
- ★★★★ United States Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa (USAFE)



Numbered Air Forces

Numbered Air Forces (NAFs) are subordinate to major commands. Those that support Unified Combatant Commands are designated Component Numbered Air Forces (C-NAFs).

C-NAFs

- ★★★ **1st Air Force/AFNORTH**—Supports U.S. Northern Command to ensure air defense of continental United States
- ★★ **3rd Air Force**—Supports U.S. European Command/U.S. Africa Command
- ★★★ **7th Air Force**—Supports U.S. Forces Korea
- ★★ **8th Air Force/Air Forces Strategic**—Supports U.S. Strategic Command and is responsible for all USAF bombers
- ★★ **12th Air Force/AFSOUTH**—Air component of U.S. Southern Command
- ★★★ **U.S. Air Forces Central/AFCENT³**—Supports U.S. Central Command

NAFs

- ★★ **2nd Air Force**—Part of AETC, responsible for all USAF non-flying technical training
- ★★ **4th Air Force**—Supports AFRC
- ★★★ **5th Air Force⁴**—Supports PACAF
- ★★ **9th Air Force**—Designed to be a deployable, operational-level Joint Task Force
- ★★ **10th Air Force**—Supports Air Force Reserve units nationwide
- ★★★ **11th Air Force**—Provides forces to PACAF
- ★★★ **16th Air Force**—Information warfare operations
- ★★ **18th Air Force⁴**—Operational component of Air Mobility Command
- ★★ **19th Air Force**—Trains aircrews for manned and unmanned aircraft; air battle managers; and weapons directors
- ★★ **20th Air Force**—Responsible for ICBMs and nuclear operations support for Air Force Global Strike Command
- ★★ **22nd Air Force**—Responsible for AFRC C-130 and WC-130 units operated by Air Mobility Command

(★) Stars indicate commander's rank.

¹For a list of NAF-equivalent centers, see AFMC listing in the majcom section

²312 operational and ~ 3,000 support squadrons

³AFCENT is officially a "Named Air Force"

⁴Also supports Unified Combatant Commands