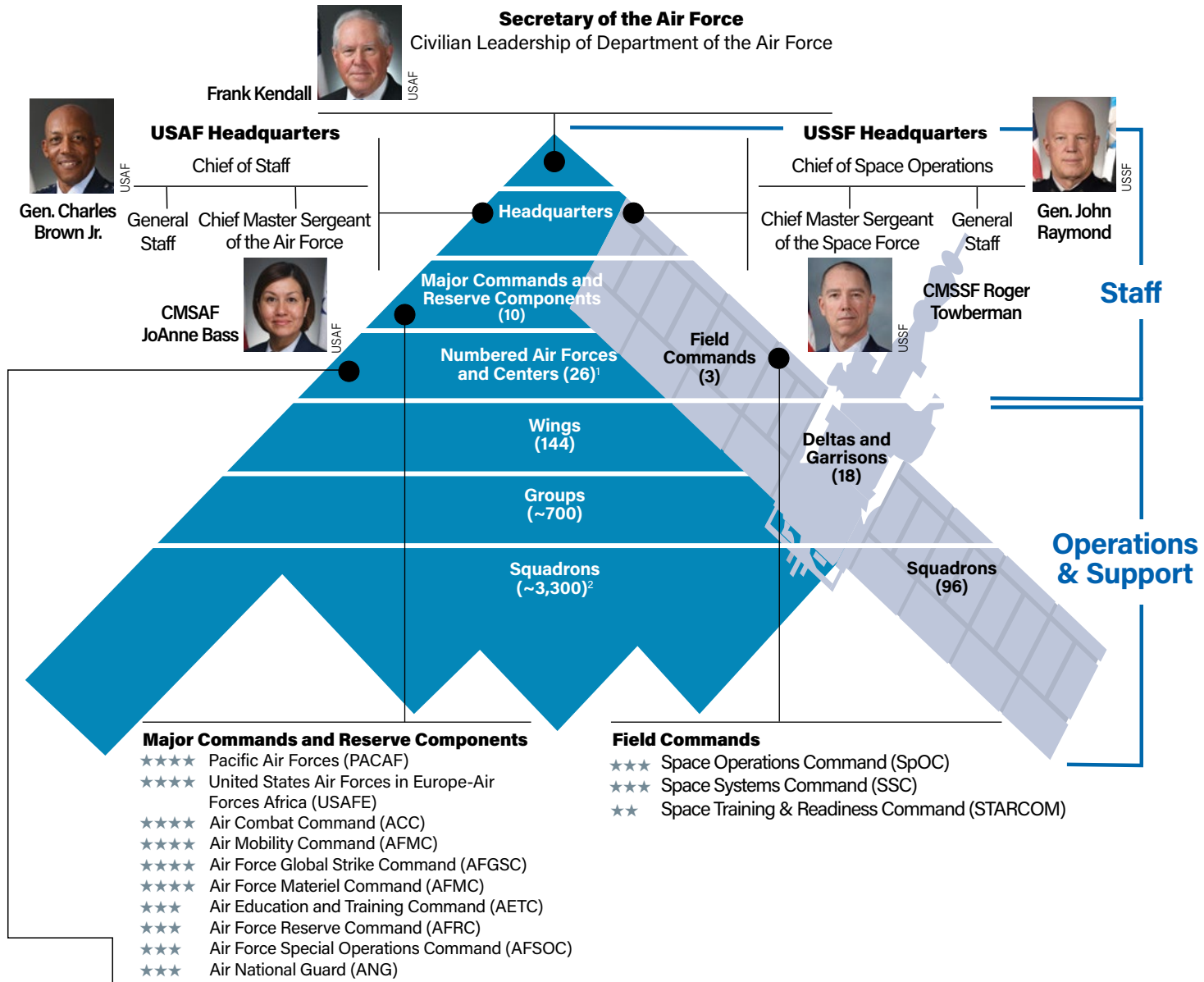


DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

The U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force are distinct military services contained within a single Department of the Air Force (DAF). 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.



Numbered Air Forces

Numbered Air Forces (NAFs) 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

(★) Stars indicate commander's rank.

¹For a list of NAF-equivalent centers, see AFMC listing on p. 83

²312 operational and ~ 3,000 support squadrons

³AFCENT is officially a "Named Air Force"

⁴Also supports Unified Combatant Commands

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**—Deployable, operational 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