



# FACT SHEET

## U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet AIR COMBAT COMMAND

Air Combat Command (ACC), headquartered at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., is a major command created June 1, 1992, by combining its predecessors Strategic Air Command and Tactical Air Command. ACC is the primary provider of air combat forces to America's warfighting commanders.

### Mission

To support global implementation of national security strategy, ACC operates fighter, bomber, reconnaissance, battle-management and electronic-combat aircraft. It also provides command, control, communications and intelligence systems, and conducts global information operations.

As a force provider and Combat Air Forces lead agent, ACC organizes, trains, equips and maintains combat-ready forces for rapid deployment and employment while ensuring strategic air defense forces are ready to meet the challenges of peacetime air sovereignty and wartime air defense. ACC numbered air forces provide the air component to U.S. Central, Southern and Northern Commands, with Headquarters ACC serving as the air component to Joint Forces Commands. ACC also augments forces to U.S. European, Pacific and Strategic Commands.

### Personnel and Resources

More than 81,000 active-duty members and civilians make up ACC's work force. When mobilized, more than 51,000 members of the Air National Guard (ANG) and Air Force Reserve (AFR), along with about 700 aircraft, are assigned to ACC. In total, ACC and ACC-gained units fly more than 1,300 aircraft.

### Organization

Air Combat Command's forces are organized under a direct reporting unit, three active duty numbered air forces and, when mobilized, one Air Force Reserve numbered air force. The command operates 14 major bases, including tenant units on 13 non-ACC bases throughout the United States. ACC also has responsibility for inland search and rescue in the 48 contiguous states.

### Numbered Air Forces

First Air Force, or Air Forces Northern (AFNORTH), headquartered at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., has responsibility for ensuring the air sovereignty and air defense of the continental United States, U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. As the Continental United States Region (CONR) for the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), the command provides air



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defense through airspace surveillance and airspace control.

First Air Force is also the designated air component for U.S. Northern Command that rapidly responds to non-military threats under the Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) mission. The organization assists civilian agencies before and during emergencies, natural or man-made disasters, and other DOD-approved activities. This role saves lives, relieves suffering, prevents property damage and provides humanitarian assistance where and when it is needed most in the United States. Operating with the 601st Air and Space Operations Center, the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center serves as the U.S. inland search and rescue coordinator. It is the single agency responsible for coordinating inland federal searches. These search and rescue operations can be conducted anywhere in the 48 contiguous states, Mexico and Canada. The Civil Air Patrol is a significant partner in search and rescue and other DSCA missions.

#### **1st AF Aligned Wings:**

120th Fighter Wing, Great Falls International Airport (IAP), Mont. (F-15C)  
125th Fighter Wing, Jacksonville IAP, Fla. (F-15C/D)  
142nd Fighter Wing, Portland IAP, Ore. (F-15C/D)  
144th Fighter Wing, Fresno ANG Base, Calif. (F-15C)  
158th Fighter Wing, Burlington IAP, Vt. (F-16C/D)  
177th Fighter Wing, Atlantic City IAP, N.J. (F-16C)  
101st Information Operations Flight, Salt Lake City IAP, Utah

Other 1st AF (AFNORTH) units include the 601st Air and Space Operations Center and the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Tyndall AFB, the Northeast Air Defense Sector at Rome, N.Y.; the Western Air Defense Sector at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.; Detachment 1, First Air Force, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; Detachment 2, First Air Force, North Bay, Canada; and 286th Air Operations Group, Meridian, Miss.

**Ninth Air Force**, headquartered at Shaw AFB, S.C., is responsible for organizing, training and equipping Airmen to meet the demands of today's expeditionary taskings while preparing for tomorrow's challenges. Ninth Air Force is responsible for ensuring the agile combat support capabilities of eight wings and three direct reporting units. These units encompass more than 400 aircraft, and 29,000 active-duty and civilian personnel. Ninth Air Force is also responsible for the operational readiness of 16 National Guard and Air Force Reserve units.

#### **9th AF Aligned Wings:**

1st Fighter Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va. (F-22, T-38)  
4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. (F-15E)  
20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C. (F-16CJ)  
23rd Wing, Moody AFB, Ga. (A-10C, HC-130P, HH-60G)  
93rd Air-Ground Operations Wing, Moody AFB, Ga.  
325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, Fla. (F-22)  
461st Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, Ga. (E 8-C Joint STARS)  
633rd Air Base Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.

Other 9th AF units include the 819th RED HORSE Squadron at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., and the 823rd RED HORSE Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

#### **U.S. Air Forces Central Command (AFCENT)**

Shaw AFB is also headquarters to AFCENT, the air component of U.S. Central Command, a regional unified command. AFCENT is responsible for air operations (either unilaterally or in concert with coalition partners) and developing contingency plans in support of national objectives for USCENTCOM's 20-nation area of responsibility in Southwest Asia. Additionally, AFCENT manages an extensive supply and equipment prepositioning program at several sites within its area of responsibility.

**Tenth Air Force**, headquartered at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas, commands Air Force Reserve Command units that, when mobilized, are gained by five other major commands, including ACC. Tenth Air Force directs the activities of more than 13,300 reservists and 900 civilians located at 30 installations throughout the United States to ensure

they maintain the highest combat capability to augment active forces in support of national objectives.

When mobilized, ACC-gained units consist of six fighter wings, three air rescue units, one bomber squadron, one combat operations squadron, and one airborne warning and control group.

**Twelfth Air Force**, or Air Forces Southern (AFSOUTH), headquartered at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., controls ACC's conventional fighter and bomber forces based in the western United States and also serves as the air component for U.S. Southern Command.

In its numbered air force role, Twelfth Air Force is responsible for the combat readiness of 10 active-duty wings and one direct reporting unit. These subordinate commands operate more than 800 aircraft with more than 64,000 uniformed and civilian Airmen. The command is also responsible for the operational readiness of gained wings and other units of the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard.

#### **Aligned Wings:**

7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas (B-1B)

9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale AFB, Calif. (MC-12, RQ-4, T-38, U-2, C-12)

28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, S.D. (B-1B)

49th Wing, Holloman AFB, N.M. (F-22, MQ-1, MQ-9, T-38)

55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb. (E-4B, EC-130, OC-135B, RC-135S/U/V/W, TC-135S/W, WC-135C/W)

355th Fighter Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. (A/OA-10)

366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho (F-15E, Singapore F-15SG)

388th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah (F-16C/D)

432nd Wing, Creech AFB, Nev. (MQ-1, MQ-9, RQ-170)

552nd Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla. (E-3B/C)

Twelfth Air Force also has one direct reporting unit, the 820th RED HORSE Squadron, based at Nellis AFB, Nev.

**Twenty-fifth Air Force**, headquartered at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, realigns the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance enterprise, Airmen and aircraft into a more integrated ISR force.

The Air Force ISR Agency provides multisource ISR products, applications, capabilities and resources, to include cyber and geospatial forces and expertise. Additionally, it is the Service Cryptologic Component responsible to the National Security Agency and Central Security Service for Air Force matters involving the conduct of cryptologic activities, including the full spectrum of missions directly related to both tactical warfighting and national-level operations.

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