



Joint Base Andrews Honorary Commanders Program



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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. De'Quan Roland-Hoover, 316th Security Forces K-9 trainer, acts as an attack decoy during the Capitol K-9 Trials at Joint Base Andrews, Md., May 20, 2023.



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Honorary Commanders

On behalf of Joint Base Andrews, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our Honorary Commander Program. You are joining an elite group, devoted to providing the inspiration and leadership which make our community flourish .

Joint Base Andrews is home to three major headquarters, five wings, more than eighty tenant units and 14,000 personnel from every branch of the military. Together we deliver capabilities critical to our national security and bring an economic impact of more than \$1 billion to the local community each year. While doing so, we deeply appreciate the outstanding support of our community partners. Our combined efforts have created what is recognized today as America's Airfield.

The goal of the Honorary Commander Program is to establish lasting relationships with our community partners. As an Honorary Commander, I hope you will learn our story and share your knowledge of the extraordinary missions accomplished on Joint Base Andrews every day as we learn about the great work being done by our community partners, neighbors, and friends.

Welcome to the Honorary Commander Program and thank you for joining our team. I look forward to learning and growing alongside of you as we break barriers together.

Sincerely

TODD E. RANDOLPH, Colonel, USAF
Commander, Joint Base Andrews

America's Airfield



Honorary Commander Program Overview

The Honorary Commander Program provides commanders with a means to effectively educate participants on the armed forces missions of Joint Base Andrews. The program encourages an exchange of ideas, experiences and friendships between key leaders of the surrounding communities and JBA. Commanders and community leaders can positively impact community and base interaction by building and strengthening community relationships.

The Honorary Commander Program helps create an open flow of communication between the surrounding communities and commanders by showcasing the joint base's capabilities, future leaders and the caliber of men and women serving at JBA.

The program is designed to:

- Increase public awareness and understanding of JBA and the mission, policies and programs of the armed forces
- Build and improve relationships with members of the local community
- Showcase the proud and dedicated JBA personnel
- Encourage members of the community to tell the JBA and military services stories
- Keep a pulse on community concerns and attitudes
- Increase community/military involvement with installation, mission-partner and civilian activities
- Foster a family environment with JBA and the surrounding communities

All participants in the program should have three things in common:

- 1) An active role in their community
- 2) A drive to share their military and joint base experiences with those within their sphere of influence
- 3) A positive impact on public support for JBA

Each Honorary Commander serves a two-year term. During this time, participants are invited to participate in various installation and unit events. All interactions between commanders and Honorary Commanders are designed to provide a better understanding of military personnel, programs and operations. Additionally, commanders are encouraged to maintain a relationship with all previous Honorary Commanders.

As an Honorary Commander, you may be called upon to share your experience as a leader with Airmen at Joint Base Andrews.

The success of this program is dependent upon the commitment of all commanders and the civilian participants.

Honorary Commander Vision

To foster a supportive relationship with the community, increase military involvement in civic endeavors and organizations and make the members of the local community part of our Team Andrews family.

Honorary Commander Mission Statement

The mission of the Honorary Commander Program is to tell our story through business, local government, educational environments and volunteering in the local community.

Joint Base Andrews Honorary Commander History

Joint Base Andrews Honorary Commander Program was started by Brig. Gen. David Gray, commander of the 89th Air Wing from 2003-2005, and Mr. M.H. Jim Estepp, president, Andrews Business and Community Alliance and president and CEO of the Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable. Now encompassing all of Joint Base Andrews, installation commanders have taken great strides to grow this program and increase its visibility in the community while establishing formal bonds with Andrews' military affairs committee known as the Andrews Business and Community Alliance, as well establishing new relationships with a diversified group of other local civic leaders.

The Honorary Commander Program demonstrates our commitment to promoting and maintaining positive relations with our civilian counterparts in the surrounding communities and with civic and business leaders. The program's objective is to show Joint Base Andrews' support for the neighboring communities by creating a cross-flow of information between the military and civilian communities, and empowering civic leaders to become force multipliers who share the military story with their communities. The program allows community leaders the opportunity to witness the missions, programs, and operations of the military units at Joint Base Andrews firsthand, and the role Andrews plays in supporting the Department of Defense's various missions and the nation's defense.

Honorary Commander Characteristics

Honorary Commanders should:

- Be a United States citizen of outstanding character, integrity, and patriotism
- Have a deep interest in military affairs
- Be a leader in local/regional community affairs
- Be in a position to provide individual perspectives to senior Air Force leaders on Joint Base Andrews initiatives, issues and other matters of interest
- Be in a position to disseminate information about the Air Force to a broad cross section of the public and to other prominent citizens in his or her area
- Be able to interpret and affect public attitude toward the Air Force
- Be able and willing to devote time as an Honorary Commander

Honorary Commanders should not:

- Be an employee of the federal government
- Be a federally elected or appointed official. Locally elected or appointed officials will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Be an active member of the National Guard or a member of the Ready Reserve (Selected), Individual Ready Reserve, or Standby Reserve
- Be a retired military member of any service
- Be a paid employee of any political party

Annual Calendar of Events

- HCC Induction Ceremony — March 21
- Base orientation, mission brief and tour(s) TBD
- Quarterly immersion visits
- Unit events – planned and coordinated by units
- Airshow and expo (tentatively September 2025)

The calendar of events is subject to changes and updates throughout the year.



Honorary Commanders attend an immersion event with the 459th Airlift Wing on Oct. 24, 2023.



Dr. Stephen Michaels, third from left, MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center president, looks on while Evalyne Bryant-Ward, University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Group director of operations, asks participants a question after a tactical combat casualty care demonstration at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Aug. 17, 2023. Michaels is the honorary commander of the 316th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron, and Bryant-Ward is the honorary commander of the 316th Medical Support Squadron.

2024 Honorary Commanders

316th Wing Commander

MR. Kent Digby

***Executive Vice President, Asset Management and Operations
National Harbor, Maryland***

316th Wing Command Chief

MR. MILLARD HOUSE, II

***Superintendent
Prince George's County Schools***

316th Comptroller Squadron Commander

MR. ALEX AUSTIN

***President and CEO
Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce***

316th Wing Judge Advocate

HONORABLE C. PHILIP NICHOLS JR.

***Chief Judge
Prince George's County Circuit Court***

316th Wing Chapel

PASTOR JAMES ROBINSON

***Pastor
Tree of Life***

2024 Honorary Commanders

316th Operations Group, 1st Helicopter Squadron and 316th Operations Support Squadron

MR. CHAD STEELE

***Senior Vice President of Communications
Baltimore Ravens***

316th Mission Support Group Commander

MS. BLAIRE HOUSTON

***Manager
Fan Development at Washington Wizards***

316th Civil Engineering Squadron Commander

MS. TIFFANY GREEN

***Fire Chief
Prince George's County, Maryland***

316th Contracting Squadron Commander

MRS. KELLY ROBERTSON-SLAGLE

***Director of Economic Development
Charles County, Maryland***

316th Force Support Squadron Commander

MS. AVIS MCMILLON

***Associate Vice President of Marketing, Admissions and Recruitment
College of Southern Maryland***

2024 Honorary Commanders

316th Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander

MR. MARTIN HARRIS

***Director
Charles County Department of Public Works***

316th Security Forces Group Commander

MR. MALIK AZIZ

***Chief of Police
Prince George's County Police Department***

816th Security Forces Squadron Commander

MR. ADAM POHL

***Marketing Director
Bowie Baysox***

316th Security Forces Squadron Commander

MR. ADAM DAVIES

***Sergeant
Maryland State Aviation***

316th Security Support Squadron

MR. JOHN D.B. CARR

***Sheriff
Prince George's County***

2024 Honorary Commanders

316th Medical Group Commander

MR. NATHANIEL RICHARDSON, JR.

President and CEO

University of Maryland Capital Region Health

316th Surgical Squadron

DR. LAMONT BUNYON

Founder and Clinical Director

Special Eye Care

316th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron Commander

DR. STEPHEN MICHAELS

Chief Operating and Medical Officer

MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital

316th Medical Support Squadron Commander

DR. EVALYNE BRYANT-WARD

Director of Operations

University of Maryland Community Medical Group

316th Health Care Operations Squadron

DR. MESHECA BUNYON

Owner and Director

Special Eye Care

2024 Honorary Commanders

316th Dental Squadron Commander

VACANT

89th Airlift Wing Command Team

MR. FOUAD A QREITEM

**Owner/President
Paisano's Pizza**

89th Maintenance Group

MR. GEORGE G. DEMETRIADES, Jr.

**Franchise Owner/Operator
Chick-fil-A, Crystal City, Virginia**

89th Aerospace Group

VACANT

1st Aerospace Squadron

VACANT

2024 Honorary Commanders

99th Aerospace Squadron Commander

MR. BENNARD CANN

***Mayor
Morningside, Maryland***

89th Operations Support Squadron Commander

VACANT

Naval Air Facility Washington Commanding Officer

MR. KEVIN CABRERA

***Director
College Park Aviation Museum***

113th Wing Commander

MR. JAMES "JAY" GALEOTA

**President and Chief Operating Officer
G&W Laboratories**

113th Maintenance Group Commander

MR. EARL FURFINE

**Leader
North America Big Deals Squad**

2024 Honorary Commanders

459th Air Refueling Wing Commander

MR. KEN ORGERON

President and CEO
Andrews Federal Credit Union

459th Maintenance Group Commander

MS. LARYSA KAUTZ

President and CEO
Mellwood

459th Mission Support Group Commander

MR. SHERMAN RAGLAND

Owner
Tradewinds Realty Partners

459th Operations Group Commander

MS. JENNIFER DAVIS

Law Enforcement Officer
Fairfax County Police Department

844th Communications Group Commander

VACANT

2024 Honorary Commanders

744th Communications Squadron Commander

VACANT



Students from Jackson-Reed High School, Washington, D.C., participate in a hands-on demonstration of fire-fighting equipment during a tour of Joint Base Andrews, Md., Dec. 7, 2023.

Joint Base Andrews History

Joint Base Andrews' origins date back to the Civil War when the Union occupied a small, country church as headquarters for soldiers camped nearby. Today, that church is known as Chapel Two, and the base community still uses it for worship services.

The present site of Andrews was often discussed in the early part of the 20th century as a potential civilian airfield. In August 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the secretary of war to acquire the land and build a military airfield. Construction began later that year, and on April 19, 1943, the first permanent unit, the 463rd Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, arrived from Westover Field, Massachusetts, with 105 enlisted men and five officers.

Camp Springs Army Air Field became operational May 2, 1943, when the first Republic P-47 Thunderbolt arrived, and 75 other P-47s followed that first month. The field's early mission was to train fighter pilots for overseas combat duty. The day after the first P-47 landed at Camp Springs, the general who the base would eventually be named after, Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, died in a B-24 crash over Iceland.



Chapel Two at Joint Base Andrews was built in 1854 and was used as a headquarters by Union troops in the Civil War. It became a chapel for the base in 1943 and is still in use today.

Camp Springs became Andrews Field May 2, 1945, to honor General Andrews, who is considered one of the Air Force's founding fathers. Shortly after the Air Force became a separate

service in 1947, the base's name changed to Andrews Air Force Base.

After World War II, Andrews served as headquarters for Continental Air Command, Strategic Air Command and the Military Air Transport Service. It was also headquarters to Air Research and Development Command and its successor, Air Force Systems Command, from 1950 to 1992.

The first permanently assigned jet-powered aircraft, an F-80 Shooting Star, arrived at Andrews in 1947. With the onset of the Korean War in June 1950, Andrews became involved in combat readiness training for B-25 Mitchell medium bomber crews.

However, almost since its establishment, Andrews has been known for its Special Air Missions — the transportation of senior government and military leaders. President Harry S. Truman was the first to fly on a presi-



Nikita S. Khrushchev is greeted by President Dwight D. Eisenhower after landing at Andrews Air Force Base for the Soviet premier's 1959 visit to the United States. Khrushchev was the first foreign head of state to fly into the base, arriving on a Tupolev Tu-114.



A hearse carrying the remains of former President Ronald Reagan leads a motorcade exiting Andrews Air Force Base in June 2004 before state funeral services in Washington, D.C.

dential flight out of Andrews on Nov. 24, 1946. In 1959, Detachment 1, 1254th Air Transport Group received its first jet aircraft, a VC-137. While the president's official aircraft, a C-121 nicknamed Columbine III, remained at Washington National Airport, the president often used the new VC-137 for longer trips. President John F. Kennedy's official aircraft, a C-118, permanently transferred from Washington National in March 1962, and Andrews officially became the "Home of Air Force One."

In 1963, the Naval Air Facility moved to Andrews and is currently headquartered on the east side of the base.

The 89th Airlift Wing became the host unit for Andrews in 1991, continuing the base's rich history as the elite Air Mobility Command wing for transporting VIPs around the world. Andrews routinely provides service for America's senior officials as well

as kings, queens, presidents, prime ministers and military leaders from foreign nations.

On July 7, 2005, the Air Force reactivated the Air Force District of Washington as the single Air Force voice for planning and implementing Air Force and joint solutions within the National Capital Region. This event brought with it significant changes at Andrews.

On May 12, 2006, the 89th Medical Group at Andrews and the 11th Medical Group at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., combined into the 79th Medical Wing where it established its headquarters here at Andrews.

In June 2006, the 316th Wing stood up under the command of AFDW as the new host unit for Andrews Air Force Base and its nearly 50 tenant units to include organiza-

tions from the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, and the United States Navy. The activation of the 316th prompted the transfer of the 1st Helicopter Squadron from the 89th Airlift Wing to the 316th Operations Group.

Finally, in May of 2007 the AFDW, as well as the 844th Communications Group, transferred from Bolling AFB to Andrews.

On Oct. 1, 2009, Andrews Air Force Base, along with Naval Air Facility Washington, became a joint base known as Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility Washington, or Joint Base Andrews. In October 2010, the 316th Wing was inactivated and the 11th Wing, formerly the host wing at Bolling Air Force Base, was activated and served as the host wing at Andrews until June 2020.

The “Chief’s Own” 11th Wing, while adopting the missions of Andrews, continued to oversee all operations of the Air Force Band, Honor Guard, and Chaplaincy which are now located Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling. For a decade, the 11th Wing was proud to be host of the base bearing the name of one of the true founding fathers of today’s most powerful air and space force.

In June 2020, the 316th Wing was reactivated as the 11th Wing relocated to Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling.

Andrews has been the scene from significant historical events to national tragedy and mourning. President Dwight D. Eisenhower greeted Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, who was the first foreign head of state to fly into Andrews, in 1959. After the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas, the president’s body arrived at Andrews later that evening, accompanied by his widow Jacqueline B. Kennedy and newly sworn in President Lyndon B. Johnson. Thousands of mourners jammed the air terminal, including one of the largest gatherings of news media representatives ever assembled at any time on Andrews.

Andrews has also been the scene of many joyful returns and reunions. Among the many occasions, Andrews welcomed the first prisoners of war back from Vietnam in 1973, saw the return of the U.S. hostages from Iran in 1981, and welcomed former POW Army Private First Class Jessica Lynch home from Iraq in 2003.

The British have invaded Andrews in the past. Queen Elizabeth II flew into Andrews for her tour of the United States in 1976, and Prime Minister Tony Blair arrived at the base in 2001 (aboard a British Airways Concorde) and 2004 for his visits to the states.

In June 2004, the world watched as the remains of former President Ronald Reagan arrived at Andrews for the state funeral services in Wash-



Col. Matt Jones, 89th Airlift Wing commander, greets Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy after his arrival at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, Dec. 21, 2022. The president later met with President Joe Biden and addressed a special session of Congress concerning his country’s efforts in the war against Russia.

ington, D.C. A few days later, thousands of mourners paid their respects on Andrews’ flightline as President Reagan’s body departed for California.

On April 5, 2008, reception of Pope Benedict XVI by President George W. Bush was the first time a U.S. president has traveled to Andrews to meet a head of state since Premier Khrushchev in 1959.

More recently, the bodies of slain U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens, Department of State employee Sean Smith and former Navy SEALs Glen A. Doherty and Tyrone S. Woods were transferred at Joint Base Andrews after their deaths in the September 2012 attacks on the U.S. Consulate in Libya.

In July 2020, the flag-draped casket of the American civil rights leader Rep. John Lewis arrived at Joint Base Andrews en route to lie in state on the East Front Steps of the

Capitol for a public viewing. Lewis served as U.S. representative of Georgia’s Fifth Congressional District from his election in November 1986 until his death in 2020.

Most recently, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was flown to Joint Base Andrews on Dec. 21, 2022, before his address before a special session of Congress and meeting President Joe Biden concerning the Russian invasion.

To this day, Joint Base Andrews plays a dynamic and critical part in the defense of our nation. It has evolved from the muddy fields and wooden buildings of the 1940s supporting the P-47 Thunderbolt and F-80 Shooting Star, to a modern airfield supporting multi-million dollar nationally significant mission assets including Air Force One, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the KC-135 Stratotanker, and the UH-1N Huey, solidifying itself as “America’s Airfield.”

Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews



Joint Base Andrews honors one of the most influential leaders behind the creation of today's modern Air Force, Lt. Gen. Frank Maxwell Andrews.

General Andrews was a significant figure in the early days of the Army Air Corps. He was often called "Marshall's Airman," referring to General of the Army George C. Marshall, who was the Army chief of staff. General Andrews was General Marshall's main advisor concerning aviation matters. Although General Andrews died in 1943, his influence with General Marshall and other senior military leaders played a pivotal role toward the ultimate establishment of a separate and independent Air Force in 1947.

General Andrews was born in Nashville, Tennessee, Feb. 3, 1884. In 1906, he graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and received a commission in the cavalry as a second lieutenant. He served his first 11 years in the Philippines, Hawaii and other posts in the United States. Shortly after the United States entered World War I in 1917, General Andrews thought his cavalry unit would not be sent overseas, so he transferred to the Aviation Section of the Army Signal Corps.

After a short time in the Aviation Section in Washington, D.C., General Andrews went to Rockwell Field, California, in 1918. There, he earned his aviator wings at the age of 34. Ironically, Andrews never went overseas during the war. Instead, he commanded various airfields around the United States and served in the war plans division of the Army General Staff in Washington, D.C. Following the war, he replaced Brig. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell as the air officer assigned to the Army of Occupation in Germany.

While in Europe, he served as Air Service officer for American Forces in Germany. Later, General Andrews took over as assistant officer in charge of civil affairs at Headquarters American Forces in Germany. He returned to Washington in early 1923 for duty in the office of the chief of Air Service.

In 1933, General Andrews assumed command of the famed 1st Pursuit Group at Selfridge Field, Michigan. In 1934, he reported for special duty in Washington to help prepare plans for consolidating all air combat units under a prototype "Air Force," co-equal with the Air Corps, which directed all non-combat air functions. That prototype became General Headquarters, and on March 1, 1935, General Andrews became the commanding general — with a temporary rank of brigadier general — of the newly established GHQ Air Force at Langley Field, Virginia. While there, he was instrumental in the development of a modern bomber force.

He earned the temporary grade of major general, but General Andrews' persistence to purchase large numbers of the B-17 lost him favor with senior military leaders. In early 1939, he reverted back to the permanent rank of colonel and was sent to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, as air officer of the Eighth Corps Area.

In July 1939, General Marshall became acting chief of staff of the Army. He summoned General Andrews back to Washington, appointing him assistant chief of staff for training and operations and promoting him to the permanent grade of brigadier general. It was the first time in military history that an Airman was appointed as one of the four assistant chiefs of staff on the Army General Staff.

In November 1940, General Andrews assumed command of the newly established Panama Canal Air Force and later the Caribbean Defense Command.

After Pearl Harbor, the new Army Air Forces gained virtual autonomy within the War Department, and that advance owed much to General Andrews' efforts in changing War Department attitudes concerning employment of air power, going back to his Langley years and continuing later in Washington.

He arrived in Cairo, Egypt, to assume command of the Army in the Middle East in 1942. At the Casablanca Confer-

ence in January 1943, Allied Forces leaders determined time had come to establish a separate European Theater of Operations. General Marshall proposed that General Andrews command it, and he took over a month later.

From his headquarters in London, General Andrews directed both the American air campaign against Germany and the planning for the ground forces' invasion of Western Europe. It was his last assignment.

On May 3, 1943, General Andrews was aboard the B-24 Liberator "Hot Stuff" that was flying from London back to the United States. On approach in bad weather attempting to land in Iceland for refueling, the aircraft crashed into a mountainside killing General Andrews and 14 others aboard (the tail gunner was the lone survivor).

General Marshall delivered the eulogy at a memorial service in Washington, saying that Frank Andrews was one of the Army's few great captains.

On March 31, 1945, Jeanette "Johnny" Andrews visited Camp Springs Army Air Field, Maryland, for the dedication ceremony to rename the installation Andrews Field in honor of her late husband.

In 1946, the numbered air forces, whose roots went back to GHQ Air Force, formed the core of the AAF's Strategic Air, Tactical Air, and Air Defense Commands, reflecting GHQ Air Force's bombardment, attack, and pursuit missions. When a separate Air Force was established in 1947, the statutory functions of General Andrews' prewar GHQ Air Force were specifically transferred to the Air Force chief of staff. That transfer symbolized his legacy to the new Air Force he did not live to see.

When the Air Force finally became a separate service on Sept. 18, 1947, as General Andrews had so long advocated for, the base assumed the designation Andrews Air Force Base.



Jeanette "Johnny" Andrews, widow of Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, accepts a bouquet of flowers from Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, former deputy commander of the Army Air Forces, during the dedication renaming Maryland's Camp Springs Army Air Field to Andrews Field.



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Air Force District of Washington Fact Sheet

Mission

Contingency Response, Ceremonial Honors, and Operational Support ... Across the Nation's Capital and Worldwide

Vision

Ready Airmen, Renowned for Excellence!

Motto

Pride ... Teamwork ... Success

Background

The Air Force District of Washington was reactivated in 2005 to address three broad objectives: Align the Air Force command structure in the National Capital Region (NCR) on par with that of our sister services; improve Air Force support to the Joint Force Headquarters-NCR (JFHQ-NCR); and, designate a single voice for Air Force cross-service issues in the NCR.

AFDW is a direct reporting unit to the Department of the Air Force, the chief of staff of the Air Force. AFDW serves as the Air Force service component for coordination purposes to JFHQ-NCR and the supporting command to Joint Task Force NCR Medical (JTF-CapMed). When the JFHQ-NCR transitions to the Joint Task Force NCR (JTF-NCR), the 320th Air Expeditionary Wing activates and becomes the Air Force service component of JTF-NCR. Normally, the AFDW commander serves as the 320th AEW commander. Air Force Mission Directive 13 delineates missions and assigned duties applicable to AFDW in both its worldwide Air Force service role and its JTF-NCR Air Force service component role.

As one of USAF's three direct reporting units, AFDW executes Air Force operations and supports joint force and inter-agency operations in the NCR while providing superior support to combatant commanders and Air Force elements worldwide.

AFDW is responsible to organize, train, equip and provide forces for AEF deployment, provide ceremonial support, and conduct homeland operations as part of a Joint effort, within the NCR. Homeland operations include homeland defense, defense support to civil authorities, emergency preparedness, and support to national special security events.

AFDW exercises Uniform Code of Military Justice authority over, and provides manpower, personnel, legal, chaplain, finance, logistics, and safety support for designated Air Force activities located within the NCR, selected field operating agencies, and selected Air Force elements. This includes support for approximately 40,000 Air Force military and civilian members



of more than 2,000 Air Force elements in more than 500 locations in 108 countries. This makes AFDW the leading edge of the Air Force as the organization continues its never-ending support of the world's greatest Air Force.

Subordinate Organizations

AFDW is the parent command to the 316th Wing, the 11th Wing, the 844th Communications Group, and two ceremonial elements. The 316th Wing at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, provides contingency rotary-wing airlift and base operating support to more than 50 tenant organizations. Additionally, the 316th Medical Group consolidates the Air Force's NCR medical assets into one organization, that provides regional care and support to JFHQ-NCR and JTF-CapMed operations.

Through the U.S. Air Force Band and the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, the 11th Wing at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C., also provides ceremonial and musical support throughout the NCR and worldwide. Finally, the 844th Communications Group at Andrews provides enhanced communications reliability, survivability, information capabilities, and user support in the NCR.

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Maj. Gen. Daniel A. DeVoe

AFDW Commander

Maj. Gen. Daniel A. DeVoe is the Commander of the Air Force District of Washington and the 320th Air Expeditionary Wing, headquartered at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. AFDW is the Air Force component to the Joint Task Force-National Capital Region and is responsible for organizing, training and equipping combat forces for aerospace expeditionary forces, homeland operations, civil support, national special security events and ceremonial events. AFDW also provides major-command-level support for 33,000 military and civilian personnel assigned worldwide.

Maj. Gen. DeVoe received his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy. As an Aircraft Maintenance Officer, he held multiple positions to include back-shop engine repair, quality assurance and sustainment program management. Following undergraduate navigator training, he held multiple flying assignments as a C-130 Adverse Weather Aerial Delivery System Navigator, Instructor, Evaluator, Prime Nuclear Airlift Force Navigator and C-130 Weapons Officer. Maj. Gen. DeVoe has flown more than 440 combat hours supporting operations in the Balkans, Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. He served as both a contingency response Airman and an air advisor, as well as on the Headquarters Air Force and U.S. Central Command staffs.

Maj. Gen. DeVoe commanded a Global Mobility Squadron, served as an Air Expeditionary Wing Vice Wing Commander, commanded an Airlift Wing including the C-130 Center of Excellence and Formal Training Unit and commanded the 618th Air Operations Center (Tanker Airlift Control Center). Prior to his current assignment, General DeVoe was the Director, Integration and Innovation, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Integration and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2009–December 2009, Operations Planner, Operations Plans Division, Operations Directorate (J3), Headquarters U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., as a major
2. January 2010–June 2010, Deputy Executive Officer to the Commander, USCENTCOM, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a lieutenant colonel
3. July 2010–June 2011, Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander, USCENTCOM, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a lieutenant colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: master navigator
 Flight hours: more than 2,100
 Aircraft flown: C-130E, C-130H1/2/3, C-130J, T-43, T-34 and T-1

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air and Space Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air and Space Achievement Medal

Combat Action Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1995

First Lieutenant May 31, 1997

Captain May 31, 1999

Major Sept. 1, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2010

Colonel Oct. 1, 2014

Brigadier General Sept. 2, 2020

Major General Feb. 3, 2023

Col. Aaron Guill

AFDW Deputy Commander

Col. Aaron Guill is the deputy commander of the Air Force District of Washington, headquartered at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. AFDW is the Air Force component to the Joint Forces Headquarters-National Capital Region and is responsible for organizing, training and equipping combat forces for aerospace expeditionary missions, homeland security operations, civil support, national special security events and ceremonial events. AFDW also provides major-command-level support for 33,000 military and civilian personnel assigned to 1,758 units stationed at 500 locations in 108 countries worldwide.

Colonel Guill was commissioned in 1998 through the USAF Officer Training School. He has served in a variety of positions at the numbered Air Force, headquarters Air Force and combatant command levels, including an assignment as the commander of the Air Force Security Forces Center (AFSFC), Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Colonel Guill also supervised three geographically-separated Air Force detachments, the Desert Defender Readiness Training Center at Fort Bliss, Texas, and two corrections facilities located at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California, and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.



Chief Master Sgt. Charmaine N. Kelley

AFDW Command Chief

Chief Master Sgt. Charmaine Kelley is dual-hatted as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the Air Force District of Washington and the 320th Air Expeditionary Wing, headquartered at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. She is the Senior Enlisted Leader responsible to the Commander on matters concerning the readiness, effective utilization, welfare and professional development of AFDW's Airmen. AFDW is the Air Force component to the Joint Task Force-National Capital Region and is responsible for organizing, training and equipping combat forces for aerospace expeditionary forces, homeland operations, civil support, national special security events and significant ceremonial events. AFDW provides major command level support to over 33,000 military and civilian Airmen worldwide.

Chief Kelley is a native of Columbia, South Carolina where she enlisted at Fort Jackson in August of 1996. She joined immediately following her graduation from high school to fulfill a promise that she had made to her eldest brother, Anthony, upon his untimely death while serving in the United States Navy. Her background includes various leadership positions serving at the directorate, group and major command levels. She has multiple joint service experiences and an eight-month stint as a deployed additional duty First Sergeant in support of Operations NEW DAWN and ENDURING FREEDOM.

Additionally, she had the honor of serving as a member of the Air Force's showcase entertainment, Tops In Blue.



316th Wing Fact Sheet

The 316th Wing is the host wing for Joint Base Andrews providing security, personnel, contracting, finance and infrastructure support for five wings, three headquarters and more than 80 tenant organizations, 148 geographically separated units, 6,500 Airmen in the Pentagon, as well as 60,000 Airmen and families in the National Capital Region and around the world.

The 316th Wing supports contingency operations in our nation's capital with immediate response rotary-assets. It also provides security for the world's highest visibility flight line and is responsible for ceremonial support with the United States Air Force Arlington Chaplaincy.

Mission Statement

Project airpower and diplomacy from America's Airfield through Airmen who respond, honor, defend, sustain and care.

Wing Vision

A world-class team of America's Airmen: Empowered, responsive, resilient and ready.

Motto

America's Airfield

Wing Priorities

Support the Joint Base Andrews, National Capital Region in daily and contingency operations
Forward deploy Airmen to support missions around the world
Sustain and improve our greatest operational asset, America's Airmen

Joint Base Andrews Basics

- First Air Force flight: May 2, 1943
- Total Force Strength: Approximately 12,000 military (active-duty, Guard, and Reserve); approximately 2,300 civilians
- Economic Impact: Approximately \$1.2 billion
- Total Acreage: 6,853



316th Wing Aircraft

UH-1N Huey

316th Wing Staff

Chaplain
Command Post
Commander's Action Group
316th Comptroller Squadron
Drug Demand Reduction Program
Equal Opportunity
Historian
Information Protection
Inspector General
Judge Advocate
Plans and Readiness
Protocol
Public Affairs
Safety
Sexual Assault Prevention and Response
Drug Demand Reduction Program
Community Support



The Joint Base Andrews Honor Guard posts colors at the 316th Wing change of command, June 30, 2022.

316th Mission Support Group

316th Force Support Squadron
316th Civil Engineer Squadron
316th Contracting Squadron
316th Logistics Readiness Squadron
316th Force Support Squadron

316th Operations Group

316th Operations Support Squadron
1st Helicopter Squadron

316th Security Forces Group

316th Security Forces Squadron
316th Security Support Squadron
811th Security Forces Squadron

316th Medical Group

316th Dental Squadron
316th Medical Squadron
316th Medical Support Squadron
31st Aerospace Medical Squadron
316th Surgical Squadron

Major Tenants

Air Force District of Washington
Naval Air Facility, Washington D.C.
89th Airlift Wing
113th Wing (D.C. Air National Guard)
459th Air Refueling Wing (Air Force Reserve Command)
Air National Guard Readiness Center
457th Airlift Squadron
744th Communications Squadron
844th Communications Group
Army Jet Detachment
Civil Air Patrol - Andrews Composite Squadron
Headquarters D.C. Air National Guard
National Guard Bureau
Naval Communications Security Material Systems
Marine Transport Squadron, Detachment Andrews (Marine Corps)

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A UH-1N Huey helicopter from the 1st Helicopter squadron flies over the National Mall in Washington, D.C., May 13, 2023. This fly-over was part of the Vietnam Veterans' "Welcome Home" Ceremony celebrating Vietnam veterans for their service.

The 316th Wing, under the auspices of the Air Force District of Washington, assumed host-unit responsibilities at Joint Base Andrews on June 12, 2020. The mission of the 316th Wing is to defend national leaders, deploy combat ready Airmen, showcase the USAF, provide presidential support, and foster joint teamwork with the National Capital Region.

Often called "The Gateway to the Nation's Capital," Joint Base Andrews has seen not only our U.S. government leaders, but kings, queens, popes, prime ministers and military and civilian leaders from more than 50 nations and numerous non-governmental organizations fly on its aircraft and transit the base.

About 18,000 people, including active duty, Guard and Reserve personnel and their families, civilian employees, and contractors live and/or work at Andrews, performing both routine and exceptional duties.

The 316th Wing is host to more than 60 separate organizations, including the 89th Airlift Wing (responsible for providing safe, reliable, worldwide airlift and logistical support for the president of the United States, vice president, Cabinet members and other high-ranking U.S. and foreign government officials), units for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force Reserve and National Guard.

<http://www.jba.af.mil/>



Col. Todd E. Randolph

316th Wing Commander

Col. Todd E. Randolph is the commander of the 316th Wing and installation commander for Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, Maryland. As the host wing for Joint Base Andrews, the 316th Wing provides security, personnel, contracting, finance, medical and infrastructure support for five wings, three headquarters, and over 80 tenant organizations, as well as 60,000 Airmen and families in the National Capital Region and around the world. Additionally, the 316th Wing supports contingency operations in our nation's capital with immediate response rotary assets. It also provides security for the world's highest visibility flight line and is responsible for operations of the Air Force Memorial and the Air Force Arlington Chaplaincy.

Prior to this assignment, Colonel Randolph was the commander of the 27th Special Operations Mission Support Group at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico. The 27th SOMSG provides base support and services activities to ensure mission readiness of the 27th Special Operations Wing, including facility construction and maintenance, housing, food service, law enforcement, fire protection, explosive ordnance disposal, disaster preparedness, communications, personnel support, lodging, recreation, supply, contracting, transportation, logistics plans and other base services supporting 6,500 military personnel, civilian employees, their families and 6,000 retirees for all units and associated organizations on Cannon.

Colonel Randolph hails from Baltimore, Maryland, where he enlisted in the Air Force in 1989. After completing Basic Military Training and technical school, he served 11 years in the mental health career field before earning his commission as a distinguished graduate from Officer Training School in 2000. His experiences include assignments as section commander, flight commander, executive officer and deputy A1 at the numbered Air Force level, and executive officer for The Thunderbirds. Additionally, while assigned to the secretary of the Air Force's inspector general's office, he served on a 365-day deployment as the US Forces-Iraq, Joint Operations, Deputy Chief Borders Division, Baghdad, Iraq, where he worked with the Iraqi ministers of interior and defense to assist the Iraqi government with securing its borders and boosting economic prosperity.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2000 – October 2002, squadron section commander for the 89th Security Forces Squadron, Andrews AFB, Maryland
2. May 2002 – July 2003, chief of relocation and employments, 89th Mission Support Squadron, Andrews AFB
3. July 2003 – October 2004, section commander for Headquarters Eighth Air Force, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
4. November 2004 – November 2006, executive officer for the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, Nellis AFB, Nevada.
5. Dec 2006 – Jun 2007, executive officer to the vice commander and deputy director of personnel, Air Warfare Center, Nellis AFB
6. Jun 2007 – Jun 2009, commander of the manpower and personnel flight, Yokota Air Base, Japan
7. Jun 2009 – July 2011, chief, MAJCOM investigations, secretary of the Air Force, office of the inspector general, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia
- 7a. July 2010 – May 2011, (deployed), deputy chief, J35 ISF-Borders, United States Forces-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq
8. June 2011 – Dec 2012, in-residence IDE student, Air Force Legislative Fellow, Sen. Ben Nelson (Neb.), Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.
9. January 2013 – July 2013, chief of congressional operations branch, congressional actions division, secretary of the Air Force, office of the director, legislative liaison, Washington, D.C.
10. July 2013 – Jul 2015, commander of the 87th Force Support Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix- Lakehurst, N.J.

11. July 2015 – July 2016, deputy chief of the Air Force learning division, Headquarters Air Force, Manpower, Personnel and Services, Directorate of Airman Force Development, Washington D.C.
12. July 2016 – June 2017, in-residence SDE student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C.
13. July 2017 – July 2018, deputy chief of the Airman and family care division, Headquarters Air Force, Manpower, Personnel and Services, Directorate of Services, Washington D.C.
14. July 2018 – November 2019, assistant director for joint officer management policy, office of the secretary of Defense, the Pentagon
15. December 2019 – June 2020, acting deputy director, force management policy, officer and enlisted personnel management, office of the secretary of Defense, the Pentagon
16. July 2020 – June 2022, commander of the 27th Special Operations Mission Support Group, Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.
17. June 2022 - present, commander of the 316th Wing

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

- Second lieutenant, March 2000
 First lieutenant, March 2002
 Captain, March 2004
 Major, October 2009
 Lieutenant colonel, December 2013
 Colonel, January 2020

Colonel Parkin C. “Gage” Bryson

316th Wing Deputy Commander

Col. Parkin C. Bryson is the vice wing commander of the 316th Wing at Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, Maryland. The 316th Wing is the host wing for Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, providing security, personnel, contracting, finance, and infrastructure support for five wings, two headquarters, and more than 80 tenant organizations, as well as 60,000 Airmen and families in the National Capital Region and around the world. The 316th Wing supports contingency operations in our nation’s capital with immediate-response rotary-wing assets. It also provides security for the world’s highest visibility flight line.



Colonel Bryson began his career at the U.S. Air Force Academy, receiving his commission in 2000. During his career he held various operational and staff assignments in the UH-1N, T6-B, and HH-60G. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Bryson was the chief of the National Military Command System Operations Division.

Chief Master Sgt. Jackson A. Helzer

316th Wing Command Chief

Chief Master Sgt. Jackson A. Helzer is the command chief of the 316th Wing at Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, Maryland. In this role, he advises the commander on all enlisted force matters and on issues regarding the welfare, readiness, utilization, morale and quality of life for personnel across five wings, three headquarters, more than 80 tenant organizations, as well as 60,000 Airmen and families in the National Capital Region and around the world. The 316th Wing supports contingency operations in our nation’s capital with immediate response rotary-assets. It also provides security for the world’s highest visibility flight line and is responsible for operations of the Air Force Memorial and Air Force Arlington Chaplaincy.



Chief Helzer entered the Air Force in July 1995. He graduated from the F-16 Avionics Course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, in February 1996. In April of 2000 he retrained into the information management career field. His background includes various duties in knowledge operations at the unit, wing and major-command levels. His stateside assignments include bases in California, Nevada and Colorado.

Chief Helzer has also served overseas in Germany, Italy and South Korea. He has deployed in support of Resolute Support Mission and Operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Allied Force and jointly in Iraqi Freedom. Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Helzer served as the command chief at Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

89th Airlift Wing Fact Sheet

The 89th Airlift Wing is one of 17 Air Force active duty wings assigned to Air Mobility Command and is a tenant unit based at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. The 89th AW provides global Special Air Mission airlift, logistics, aerial port and communications for the president, vice president, cabinet members, combatant commanders and other senior military and elected leaders as tasked by the White House, Air Force chief of staff and AMC.

Mission

Advancing national interests by delivering diplomacy...safe, comfortable, reliable, connected, and protected. "Perfection is our standard!"

Vision

One synchronized team, assuring global projection of our national power across all domains; cultivating innovative, resilient SAM Fox Airmen true to our heritage.

Priorities

1. Develop SAM Fox Airmen: Deliberate development and professional growth of every Airman into leaders of the present and future.
2. Strengthen relationships: Building and fostering partnerships in the our unit, with our fellow base tenants and among our foreign allies that develop into meaningful relationships.
3. Execute and protect the mission today: Carrying out and safeguarding the execution of our mission in all domains, across contested environments, while innovating to meet future requirements and challenges
4. Advance capabilities for tomorrow: Actively defining requirements for advancing communications, airfield and support operations while allotting the right people to further these capabilities

Wing Basics

The 89th AW has an exceptionally experienced and ready force of more than 1,400 personnel. The wing maintains an alert posture as well as 24/7 operations of the base aerial port, Andrews Network Control Station (ANCS), Government Security Operation Center



A VC-25A, referred to as "Air Force One" when the president is aboard, lands at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.



(GSOC), Mission Defense Team (MDT), Silver Bullet/Steel Eagle (SB/SE) and the Air Terminal Operations Center (ATOC). It is also home to the Air Force's sole Executive Airlift Training Center. The wing employs 5 types of operational support aircraft:

- VC-25A "Air Force One" (Boeing 747)
- C-32A (Boeing 757)
- C-37A (Gulfstream V)
- C-37B (Gulfstream 550)
- C-40B (Boeing 737)

Emblem

Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. The 89th AW shield's blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The bald eagle, the national symbol, and the orbit ring symbolize the wing's unique mission; to transport the president, vice president, and national and foreign dignitaries anywhere on the globe.

The depicted motto EXPERTO CREDE means "Trust one who has experience."

Point of Contact

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Col. Angela F. Ochoa

89th Airlift Wing Commander

Colonel Angela F. Ochoa is the Commander, 89th Airlift Wing, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. She is responsible for worldwide special air mission airlift, logistics, aerial port and communications support for the President, Vice President, cabinet members, combatant commanders, and other senior military and elected leaders as tasked by the White House, Air Force Chief of Staff and Air Mobility Command. The wing provides 24/7 alert airlift, and operates an Executive Airlift Training Center and Government Security Operations Center.

Colonel Ochoa was commissioned in 2001 from the Air Force Academy. Throughout her career, Colonel Ochoa has flown in Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Resolute Support, Freedom's Sentinel, and Volant Shogun. She served as a Joint Strategic Planner, Joint Exercises and Training Division, Directorate for Joint Force Development, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington D.C. Colonel Ochoa served as an Air Force Fellow in the McConnell Public Policy Internship at the McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. She also served as the advisor to the Commander, Air Mobility Command, for senior leader management within the command.

Prior to this assignment, she served as the Commander, 19th Airlift Wing, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, where she was responsible for organizing, training and equipping the personnel who operate, maintain and sustain more than 62 C-130 aircrafts. She ensured support for combat, contingency and humanitarian requirements around the world while providing for the health and welfare of more than 11,000 personnel and families at Little Rock AFB.

EDUCATION

2001 Bachelor of Science, Biology, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
 2007 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
 2008 Master of Science in Exercise Science, California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA
 2011 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL, by correspondence
 2014 Master of Policy Management, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
 2020 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL, by correspondence 2
 2023 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Norfolk, VA

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2011 – May 2013, Joint Strategic Planner, Joint Staff J-7, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. as a Major

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command

Pilot Flight hours: more than 2,900

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-44, C-21, C-130E/H1/H3, and C-130J

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Joint Meritorious Unit Award
 Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster
 AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and five oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 2001
 First Lieutenant May 30, 2003
 Captain May 30, 2005
 Major February 1, 2011
 Lieutenant Colonel February 1, 2015
 Colonel February 1, 2020

Col. Paul R. Pawluk

89th Airlift Wing Deputy Commander

Colonel Paul R. Pawluk is the Vice Commander for the 89th Airlift Wing at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. The wing is responsible for worldwide special air mission airlift, logistics, aerial port and communications support for the President, Vice President, cabinet members, combatant commanders and other senior military and elected leaders as tasked by the White House, Air Force Chief of Staff and Air Mobility Command. The wing provides 24/7 alert airlift and operates an Executive Airlift Training Center and Government Network Operations Center.

Colonel Pawluk entered the Air Force after commissioning from the University Wisconsin-Madison in 2001. After graduating, Colonel Pawluk was assigned to Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs, CO flying the C-21. In 2006, he was assigned to Dover AFB, DE flying the C-5B as Chief of C-5 Operations Group Standardization and Evaluation. Following his assignment at Dover AFB, Colonel Pawluk was selected as a European and Eurasian Foreign Area Officer (FAO) and attended Defense Language Institute and Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, where he gained proficiency in both Ukrainian and Russian. Colonel Pawluk then served on the U.S. European Command's (EUCOM) J5 directorate as the Lead Contingency Planner for the Russian Problem Set.

Following his assignment at EUCOM, he was assigned to Travis AFB, CA where he served as Operations Officer, 60th Operations Support Squadron before assuming command of the 22d Airlift Squadron. Colonel Pawluk has deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and as part of the Army's Joint Psychological Operations Task Force.



Chief Master Sgt. Noah B. Bliss

89th Airlift Wing Command Chief

Chief Master Sgt. Noah B. Bliss is the command chief master sergeant for the 89th Airlift Wing at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He is the senior enlisted leader and advisor to the commander on all matters impacting the professional development, readiness, resilience, talent management and effective utilization of the organization's enlisted force.

The 89th "SAM Fox" Wing has an exceptionally experienced and ready force of more than 1,200 personnel responsible for global Special Air Mission airlift, logistics, aerial port and communications for the president, vice president, cabinet members, combatant commanders and other senior military and elected leaders as tasked by the White House, Air Force chief of staff and Air Mobility Command. The wing also operates a Government Network Operations Center and Mission Defense Team, and is home of the Air Force's sole Executive Airlift Training Center.

Chief Bliss enlisted in the Air Force in 1999. His background includes experience at varying levels in the communications career field at the squadron, group, and center level. He has also dedicated much of his career to molding our future enlisted leaders as a military training instructor, and several years as a first sergeant. Chief Bliss deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Inherent Resolve.

Most recently, Chief Bliss served as the senior enlisted leader for the 729th Air Control Squadron at Hill AFB, Utah.





Members with the 316th Civil Engineer Squadron Heavy Equipment Section, known as the “Dirt Boys,” finish smoothing over concrete for repairs on the flightline at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, Aug. 8, 2023. These repairs help the base save on potential environmental damage costs in the future.



(Above) President of Iceland Gudni Th. Johannesson, left, speaks with members of the 316th Wing, Joint Base Andrews, Md., after a re-dedication ceremony for the B-24 Liberator bomber “Hot Stuff” Monument in Vogar, Iceland, May 3, 2023. The 316th Wing Honor Guard traveled to Iceland to present the colors at the ceremony, honoring their home base's namesake, Lt. Gen. Frank Andrews, who was tragically killed 80 years ago in the “Hot Stuff” plane crash. (Left) President Joe Biden exits a VC-25A after landing at Joint Base Andrews.

113th Wing, D.C. Air National Guard Fact Sheet

The 113th Wing, District of Columbia Air National Guard is located at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. The 113th Wing is the air component of the D.C. National Guard. As the only federal National Guard unit, its chain of command extends from the president of the United States, through the secretary of the Army, to the commanding general of the D.C. National Guard. The 113th Wing is an Air Combat Command-gained unit and is also an Air Mobility Command component.

Mission

As a National Guard unit, the 113th Wing has both a Title 10 (federal) and Title 32 (state) mission. Specifically, the wing's missions include defending the National Capital Region, providing global lift for national leaders, maintaining a worldwide deployable fighter and support forces to meet expeditionary requirements, and supporting the District of Columbia and local communities during special security events, natural disasters, and other contingency operations.



Members of the 113th Force Support Squadron, District of Columbia Air National Guard review a grid map before search and extraction during a mass casualty and CBRNE response training exercise at Virginia Beach Fire Training Center, May 21, 2023.



Members of the 113th Wing, District of Columbia Air National Guard, support exercise Red Flag 23-3, July 17 to Aug. 4, 2023, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Vision

To remain a world class unit, known throughout the military as a premier Wing. We will develop and recognize our diverse unit of warriors. We will stay mission ready, flexible, and capable of accepting and performing new and challenging missions.

Organization

The 113th Wing comprises the 113th Operations Group, 113th Maintenance Group, 113th Mission Support Group, and the 113th Medical Group. The wing staff supports key functions to include safety, legal services, public affairs, finance, inspector general, recruiting, human resources, family readiness, and chaplain services.

Force Structure

The 113th Wing is composed of both full-time and drill-status members. Drill-status Airmen attend monthly unit training assemblies (also known as “drill”). Full-time support is provided by dual-status military technicians and Guard-Reserve members on active duty. Contractors and state employees also augment the wing’s full-time component.

Personnel and Resources

The authorized end-strength for the 113th Wing for the current fiscal year is 1,300 personnel. The operating budget for this fiscal year is \$32.5 million for military personnel and \$40.6 million for operations and maintenance for a total of \$73.1 million.

Flying Units/Functions and Capabilities

The 113th Wing executes one of the most diverse flying missions in the Air National Guard.

The 201st Airlift Squadron carries out worldwide VIP airlift operations supporting high-ranking military and government leadership, including U.S. cabinet members, congressional delegations, governor delegations, and the first lady of the United States. The squadron operates the C-40C Boeing Business Jet airframe.

The 121st Fighter Squadron flies the F-16C+ Fighting Falcon, and provides 24/7 alert fighter defense of the National Capital Region while simultaneously providing a world-wide deployable fighter capability to meet expeditionary fighter requirements.

History

Since 1940, the 113th Wing has operated numerous observation, fighter, airlift, and rotary airframes. The 113th Wing began as the 121st Observation Squadron on April 10, 1941, at Bolling Field in Washington, D.C. During World War II, the 121st Observation Squadron conducted anti-submarine and observation patrols off the coasts of Europe and North Africa.

At the end of World War II, the 121st was reorganized to fall under the 113th Fighter Group, D.C. Air National Guard and moved to Andrews Field. Since then, DCANG members have been called to active duty in support of the Korean War, Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and Operations Southern and Northern Watch.

On Sept. 11, 2001, the wing began flying combat air patrols over the National Capital Region. The wing also conducted combat missions during the opening days of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and again in 2006.

The 201st Airlift Squadron has the distinction of being one of the units with the highest aircraft conversion history. Prior to converting to the C-40, the 201st Airlift Squadron flew the C-22 (Boeing 727).

In 2002, the 201st Airlift Squadron acquired two C-38A airframes, becoming the only squadron in the Department of Defense with this aircraft. The C-38A was retired in 2015.

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Brig. Gen. Shannon D. Smith

113th Wing Commander

Brig. Gen. Shannon D. Smith is the commander, 113th Wing, District of Columbia Air National Guard, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. His responsibilities encompass a wing with over 1,300 members. Units include the 113th Operations, Maintenance, Mission Support, and Medical Groups. Flying units within the wing include the 121st Fighter and 201st Airlift Squadrons. The 121st is responsible for F-16C missions including overseas combat operations and the 24/7 National Capital Region Aerospace Control Alert duty and the 201st utilizes the C-40 to execute worldwide special air missions for cabinet members, Congress, and other senior military leaders.

General Smith began his military career in May 1992 when he earned a regular commission through the Montana State University Reserve Officer Training Corps Program. After graduating from undergraduate pilot training in 1993, he became an A-10 pilot and through 10 years on active duty served in various positions associated with the aircraft including instructor pilot, chief of squadron weapons and tactics, flight commander, and chief of training.

General Smith is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Class 98BIV, and later returned as an instructor. He has served over 20 years as an air national guardsman. General Smith has served multiple combat tours and flown combat missions in support Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Prior to his current position, he served as chief of staff, Idaho Air National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Gowen Field, Idaho.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,600, including more than 4,300 in the A-10, with more than 500 in combat

Aircraft Flown: A-10C, A-10A+, A-10A, T-38 and T-37

MAJOR, AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with eight oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with valor with two oak leaf devices

Idaho Governor's Outstanding Unit Citation with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second lieutenant, October 1992

First lieutenant, October 1994

Captain, October 1996

Major, August 2002

Lieutenant colonel, October 2008

Colonel, August 2014

Brigadier general, May 2022

Col. Natasha S. Taylor

113th Wing Deputy Commander

Colonel Natasha S. Taylor is the Deputy Wing Commander, 113th Wing, District of Columbia Air National Guard, Joint Base Andrews, MD. She is the primary advisor to the Wing Commander on the command, control, and oversight of two flying organizations, an air sovereignty detachment and several supporting units. The 1,300 member wing consists of the 113th Operations, Maintenance, Mission Support, and Medical Groups. Flying units within the wing include the 121st Fighter and 201st Airlift Squadrons. The 121st is responsible for F-16C missions including overseas combat operations and the 24/7 National Capital Region Aerospace Control Alert duty and the 201st utilizes the C-40 to execute worldwide special air missions for cabinet members, Congress, and other senior military leaders.



Colonel Taylor enlisted in the United States Air Force in 2000 and received her commission in 2005 as a distinguished graduate from Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. She has commanded units at the flight, squadron and group levels and served at Headquarters Air Force as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Director, Air National Guard and Air National Guard Advisor to the Director for Logistics, Joint Staff, Arlington, Virginia.

Prior to her current assignment, Colonel Taylor served as the Commander of the 113th Mission Support Group, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

Chief Master Sgt. Sterlin G. Wilson

113th Wing Command Chief

Chief Master Sgt. Sterlin G. Wilson is the command chief of the 113th Wing, District of Columbia Air National Guard, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He is the senior enlisted leader and the principal advisor to the commander on all matters influencing the readiness, morale, and welfare of the wing's enlisted force.

Chief Wilson began his military career in December 1995 when he enlisted in the Air Force as a heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration apprentice; graduating from technical training in May 1996. He was stationed at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, where he was assigned to the 377th Civil Engineer Squadron. Chief Wilson completed his initial enlistment in 1999 and transferred to the Inactive Ready Reserves. He joined the New Mexico Air National Guard in the summer of 2002 as an HVAC journeyman and then transferred to the D.C. Air National Guard HVAC shop.



He was deployed in the fall of 2006 to various locations in Iraq as a member of a RED HORSE team in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In November 2010, he was assigned to be the first sergeant of the 113th CES. In January 2012, he was selected as the contracting office superintendent and received top graduate honors in technical training at Lackland AFB, Texas. In 2014, Chief Wilson was handpicked to join the United States Property and Fiscal Office as the chief of procurement policy where he was responsible for ensuring the proper acquisition compliance of all construction, services, and commodities requirements for the D.C. National Guard.

In 2016, he became the chief enlisted manager of the 113th CES. His most recent assignment was the 113th Mission Support Group superintendent with the 113th Wing.

459th Air Refueling Wing Fact Sheet

Mission

Provide Unsurpassed Air Refueling, Aeromedical Operations, and Agile Combat Support From our Nation's Capital to the World

Vision

Liberators -- Ready to Answer our Nation's Call, Anytime and Anywhere... Prevailing through Agility, Innovation, and Strong Esprit de Corps

Parent Unit

4th Air Force

Subordinate Units

459th Operations Group, 459th Operations Support Squadron, 756th Air Refueling Squadron, 459th Aerial Evacuation Squadron, 459th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, 459th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 459th Maintenance Group, 459th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 459th Maintenance Squadron, 459th Mission Support Group, 459th Force Support Squadron, 459th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 459th Security Forces Squadron, 69th Aerial Port Squadron, 759th Logistics Readiness Flight

Gaining Command

Air Mobility Command

Type of Aircraft Flown

KC-135R Stratotanker

Major Operations and Exercises

World War II, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Inherent Resolve, and Resolute Support.

Significant Unit History

The World War II predecessor to the 459th Air Refueling Wing was the 459th Bombardment Group (Heavy). The unit was constituted on May 19, 1943, and activated on July 1, 1943, at Alamogordo Army Air Field, New Mexico. The 459th Bombardment Group was assigned four bombardment squadrons: The 756th, 757th, 758th, and 759th. After training for six months on the B-24 bomber in New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, and Massachusetts, the 459th Bombardment Group was sent to Giulia Airfield, Italy, for the war.

As part of the 304th Wing, 15th Air Force, the 459th Bombardment Group engaged in nearly 200 strategic bombardment missions between March 1944 and April 1945. Targets were oil refineries, munitions, and aircraft factories, industrial areas, airfields, and communications centers in France, Germany, Austria, and other southern and eastern European nations.

The 459th Bombardment Group returned home in Au-



gust 1945, and was inactivated on August 28, 1945, at Sioux Falls Army Air Field, South Dakota.

On April 19, 1947, the 459th Bombardment Group was activated at Long Beach Army Air Field, California. In June 1949, the organization was redesignated the 459th Bombardment Group (Medium) and transferred to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, where it remained until being inactivated on June 16, 1951.

The Reserve flying mission began at Andrews Air Force Base in the summer of 1954 when the 756th Troop Carrier Squadron was activated and equipped with the C-46 aircraft. Nearly eight months later, the unit had grown enough to activate its parent organization, the 459th Troop Carrier Group (formerly 459th Bombardment Group) and its parent the 459th Troop Carrier Wing. Later that year, another squadron, the 757th Troop Carrier Squadron, was activated at Byrd Field, Richmond, Virginia, and assigned to the group. A third flying unit, the 758th Troop Carrier Squadron, was added in 1957 and equipped with the C-119 Flying Boxcar at Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Pennsylvania. In November of 1957, the 757th relocated from Byrd Field to Youngstown Municipal Airport, Ohio.

On July 1, 1966, the 459th was redesignated 459th Military Airlift Wing and converted to a strategic, long-range mission with the C-124 Globemaster aircraft.

In June 1971, the 459th converted to the C-130 Hercules and was redesignated as the 459th Tactical Airlift Wing. In December 1974, with the consolidation of all

Air Force strategic and tactical airlift resources under a single manager, the 459th's active-duty gaining command switched from Tactical Air Command to Military Airlift Command.

In July 1986, the wing converted to the Lockheed C-141B Starlifter aircraft. The conversion resulted in an increase of wing personnel at Andrews from 900 to almost 1,600.

Since its activation, the 459th has participated in many exercises and contingencies to include: Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operations Northern and Southern Watch, Operation Noble Anvil (the American component of Operation Allied Force), Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. As a result of these operations, the wing has participated in places around the globe to include: Iraq, Afghanistan, Cuba, Bosnia and Kosovo.

The 459th Airlift Wing converted to the air refueling mission on Oct. 1, 2003. This also resulted in a conversion from the C-141 aircraft to the Boeing KC-135R Stratotanker. The wing was also reassigned from 22nd Air Force to 4th Air Force.

Awards and Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (six times); Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamer (Grenada); Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross.

Bestowed Honors

Authorized to display awards earned by the 459th Operations Group prior to Jan. 26, 1955.

European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign Streamers (10: Air Offensive Europe, Rome Arno, Normandy, Northern France, Southern France, North Apennines,

Rhineland, Central Europe, Po Valley and Air Combat EAME Theater).

Number of Personnel Assigned

More than 1,300

Point of Contact

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(Above) A 459th Air Refueling Wing KC-135R Stratotanker from Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, refuels a Maryland Air National Guard A-10 Thunderbolt II. (Below) Airmen from the 459th ARW participate in a readiness exercise with one of the unit's KC-135 Stratotankers.





Col. John C. Reed

459th Air Refueling Wing Commander

Colonel John C. Reed is the Commander of the 459th Air Refueling Wing, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He supports and directs more than 1,300 military and civilian personnel in 20 units employing eight KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft. The 459th supports Air Mobility Command's worldwide air refueling mission and U.S. Strategic Command's nuclear deterrence mission. In addition, the wing provides a broad cross-section of agile combat support and aeromedical evacuation capabilities to combatant commands in times of peace, war, and national emergency.

Colonel Reed received his commission in 2000 from the New Mexico State University ROTC program. After completing Undergraduate Pilot Training, Colonel Reed served flying tours in the C-17A and has been an aircraft commander, instructor pilot, and flight examiner. He is now a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours, including more than 950 combat hours. Throughout his career, he has served as C-NAF and Wing Executive Officer, Wing Chief of Safety, Squadron Director of Operations, and Commanded the 955th Air Expeditionary Squadron.

Colonel Reed has the distinction of standing up three new C-17A squadrons, the 10th Airlift Squadron (AMC), 535th Airlift Squadron (PACAF), and a multi-national Heavy Airlift Squadron (Strategic Airlift Capability) in Hungary. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Reed served as the Vice Commander, 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

EDUCATION

2000 Distinguished Graduate, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N.M.
2002 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2005 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
2007 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2010 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2011 Master of Science in Industrial Engineering, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N.M.
2021 Distinguished Graduate, Master of Strategic Studies, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2018 - July 2020, Plans and Policy Branch, NATO Allied Air Command, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot
Flight hours: 4,515
Aircraft flown in: KC-135R, C-17A, C-130H, C-130J, EC-130H, T-1, and T-37

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and four oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 2000
First Lieutenant June 2002
Captain June 2004
Major April 2010
Lieutenant Colonel October 2015
Colonel September 2021

Col. Roland C. Tsui

459th Air Refueling Wing Deputy Commander

Col. Roland C. Tsui is the vice commander of the 459th Air Refueling Wing, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He supports and directs more than 1,300 military and civilian personnel in 20 units employing eight KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft. The 459th supports Air Mobility Command's worldwide air refueling mission and U.S. Strategic Command's strategic deterrence mission. In addition, the wing provides a broad cross-section of agile combat support and aeromedical evacuation capabilities to combatant commands in times of peace, war and national emergency.



Colonel Tsui was commissioned through Officer Training School in 1996. He attended specialized undergraduate navigator training and was assigned to 343d Reconnaissance Squadron at Offutt AFB, Nebraska, as an electronic warfare officer. In 2002, he joined the Air Force Reserves and attended specialized undergraduate pilot training. In 2004, he was hired as an Air Reserve technician and progressed through positions as chief of current operations, chief of OPLAN 8010 programs, wing flight safety officer and director of operations for the 452nd Operations Support Squadron. In 2016 he assumed command of the 314th Air Refueling Squadron at Beale AFB, California, before becoming the deputy operations group commander in 2019. In 2020 he joined 4th Air Force where he managed aircrew readiness and training programs before becoming the deputy director of air and space operations.

Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Tsui served as the individual mobilization assistant to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command J71 Joint Multi-national Exercises Directorate. He led multinational, joint, U.S. Combined Exercise Control Group for USINDOPACOM Tier 1 & 2 level exercises integrating United States Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps forces within the USINDOPACOM area of responsibility to achieve U.S. national security objectives.

Chief Master Sgt. Sharese N. Junious

459th Air Refueling Wing Command Chief

Chief Master Sgt. Sharese N. Junious is the command chief master sergeant of the 459th Air Refueling Wing, Joint Base Andrews. She is the primary advisor to the commander and staff on matters related to the morale, welfare, discipline, professional development, and utilization of nearly 1,300 enlisted personnel. The 459th Air Refueling Wing's mission is to provide unsurpassed air refueling, aeromedical operations and agile combat support from our nation's capital to the world.



Chief Junious entered the Air Force in June 1997 in Chicago. After nine years, she left active service and later joined the Air Force Reserve in 2007. Chief Junious has an extensive background in executing and leading security forces operations and has served at the squadron, group, and major command levels. Chief Junious has deployed in support of Operation Southern Watch and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Prior to assuming her current position, Chief Junious was the senior enlisted leader of the 507th Mission Support Group, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.

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On Sept. 25, 1917, Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels petitioned Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, Jr., for the use of a parcel of Army land at the junction of the Anacostia and Potomac rivers. It was to be used as a test area for the Navy's new seaplanes. Permission was obtained on Oct. 6, 1917, and \$500 was initially allocated to build a supply shack and wooden hangar. From this start, Naval Air Station Anacostia was commissioned on Jan. 1, 1919, with a complement of nine seaplanes.

Naval Reservists flew and maintained a large variety of aircraft over the next 43 years, including early bi-planes, dirigibles, and piston engine patrol and fighter aircraft. Historically known as a Naval Air Reserve Base, NAS Anacostia also served as the flight test center for primary flight training of Naval aviation cadets. The station's mission throughout the 1940s and 1950s was to provide aircraft training for the Proficiency Flying Program.

In July 1946, Naval Air Reserve Training Unit Anacostia was commissioned as a reserve facility and began operations to manage and conduct training for approximately 1,700 selected Reserve officers and enlisted personnel. The newly formed command had an aircraft inventory including F6F Hellcat fighters, F4U Corsairs, F8F Bearcats, TBF Avengers, SBN Navigators, SX2C Helldivers, PBY-54 Catalinas, SNJ Texans, R4D-6 Skytrains, and PV2 Harpoons.

When airspace became too crowded in the 1950s and Anacostia's runways were deemed too short, the Naval Air Station was moved to Andrews Air Force Base in 1958 in order to facilitate jet operations with a detachment of TV-2 Sea Star jet trainers. An A-4 Skyhawk became the last jet aircraft to fly out of NAS Anacostia on Jan. 25, 1962 with the transfer to Andrews AFB completed in December 1961. Navy Capt. Frank D. Heyer transferred his command from Anacostia to Andrews, concurrent with the commissioning of the new Naval Air Facility, Washington, D.C.



A Navy C-37, the military version of the Gulfstream 550, is flown by Naval Air Facility Washington to provide worldwide airlift for senior military leadership and dignitaries.



Throughout the 1960s and into the early 1970s, Navy and Marine Reservists flew the AD-5 Skyraider, FJ-4B Fury, F-8U Crusader, RF-8G Photo Crusader, C-54 and C-118 cargo aircraft, SP-2E and SP-2F Neptune aircraft and a variety of others. Tenant squadrons to the NAF at that time included Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 661/662, Fighter Squadron (VF) 661/662, Patrol Squadron (VP) 661/662/663, and Sea Control Squadron (VS) 661/662.

Prior to 1970, NAF Washington was custodian to all aircraft at the facility. This "aircraft custodian" practice, common throughout the Naval Air Reserve, required tenant squadrons to "rent" the aircraft from the NAF on their respective drill weekends. Maintenance and flying responsibilities of NAF aircraft were shared by all Reserve squadrons (including Marine units).

In April 1972, the Naval Air Reserve was reorganized into two tactical carrier wings (CVW-20 and CVW-30)

with supporting transport and patrol squadrons. With this reorganization, squadrons became custodians of their own aircraft and the NAF was assigned aircraft for utility and training purposes with their pri-

mary mission of training Selected Reservists. NAF became home to Light Photographic Squadrons (VFP) 206 and 306, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 52, Patrol Squadron (VP) 68 and 20 other tactical and non-tactical units. Since 1976, the logistics support mission of NAF Washington has included administrative transport flight operations and transient service support of arriving aircraft.

On May 1, 1978, NAF Washington was transferred to commander, Navy Reserve Force and accepted its first UC-12B aircraft on July 25, 1981. In 1989, the secretary of the Navy signed a new 25 year permit granting NAF Washington continued use of land on Andrews AFB. In 1991, for the first time since the Vietnam conflict, NAF Reservists were recalled to active duty in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In October 2006, Navy Operational Support Center Anacostia merged with NAF Washington. With this merger, NAF assumed the additional title of Naval District Washington Reserve Component Command. In September 2007, NOSC Adelphi was disestablished and was merged with the Reserve center on NAF Washington creating the largest NOSC in the country. This echelon four command now supports more than 4,600 personnel.

At the start of 1993, NAF Washington Air Reservists

continued to build upon their proud heritage with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron (VMFA) 321 flying the F/A-18 Hornet, Patrol Squadron (VP) 68 flying the P-3C Orion, Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 209 flying the EA-6B Prowler, CFLSW Detachment flying the Gulfstream C-20 and T-39 Sabreliner, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 48 flying the C-130 Hercules, and the NAF flying the UC-12B for the transportation of VIPs and light cargo.

On Oct. 1, 2009, Andrews Air Force Base, along with Naval Air Facility Washington, became a joint base known as Joint Base Andrews-Naval Air Facility Washington, or Joint Base Andrews for short.

Today, NAF Washington's tenant commands include Fleet Logistics Support Squadrons (VR) 1, 48, and 53; Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 209, VMR Andrews, FRC Mid-Atlantic, Information Dominance Corps Region HQ, Naval Communications Security Material System, Fleet Logistics Center Washington, Aviation Support Detachment Washington, Naval Branch Health Clinic, and Navy Recruiting Station Andrews.

Point of contact

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Joint Base Andrews Honorary Commanders participate in an immersion event with Naval Air Facility Washington and its leaders on June 25, 2021. As part of the event, they received a tour of one of the unit's C-130 Hercules aircraft.



Navy Capt. Page Felini

Naval Air Facility Washington Commanding Officer

Navy Capt. Page Felini has been the commanding officer of Naval Air Facility Washington, D.C., since October 2022.

She graduated from the University of Virginia on a Naval ROTC scholarship, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. She attended aviation preflight indoctrination and flight school in Pensacola, Florida, and Meridian, Mississippi. After carrier qualification, she was designated a Naval aviator and reported to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 122 at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California, for initial training in the F/A-18F Super Hornet.

After VFA-122, Captain Felini was assigned to VFA-41 at NAS Lemoore, California, where she immediately deployed aboard the USS Nimitz in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During her tour, she was selected as the strike fighter wing Pacific junior officer of the year and awarded the Admiral Wesley L. McDonald Leadership Award. She then reported to VFA-106 at NAS Oceana, Virginia, to serve as an F/A-18 instructor and landing signal officer. At VFA-106, she was selected to serve as a member of the East Coast F/A-18F Super Hornet Demonstration Team.

The following year, Captain Felini served as the assistant secretary of the joint staff at Headquarters European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. While in Germany, she transitioned to the Navy training and administration of the Reserve community and later reported to VR-53 at Joint Base Andrews where she was designated a C-130T Hercules transport aircraft commander and served as both the maintenance and operations department heads.

After her department head tour, Captain Felini served as the chief of Naval Air Force Reserve VR program manager for C-130Ts and was selected for aviation command. She reported to Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 59 at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, where she qualified as a transport aircraft commander in the C-40A Clipper and served as the commanding officer. Following a successful command tour, Captain Felini reported to Headquarters Supreme Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk, Virginia, where she served as the Reserve forces coordinator and liaison to NATO's National Reserve Forces Committee.

In 2021, Captain Felini was selected for aviation major command, and in October 2022 she reported as the NAF Washington commanding officer.

Captain Felini has accumulated more than 3,100 flight hours and earned a Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies from the United States War College in Newport, Rhode Island. Her personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, plus various other joint, service, campaign, unit, and sea service related awards.

Navy Cmndr. A. Scott Angelo

Naval Air Facility Washington Executive Officer

Cmndr. A. Scott Angelo is the executive officer for Naval Air Facility Washington at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

Commander Angelo received his commission in 2007 through the George Washington University Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. After commissioning, he earned his wings of gold at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas, flying the P-3 Orion. His first assignment was to the “Red Lancers” of Patrol Squadron (VP) 10 aboard Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine, in April 2008, and he immediately deployed to Comalapa, El Salvador supporting Operation Caper Focus and Operation Caribbean Shield. In 2009, he deployed to AFRICOM and CENTCOM in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Other assignments include project officer in the P-3 at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 30 at Naval Air Warfare Center, Point Mugu, California; support officer with Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VR) 64 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, where he also served as C-130 instructor pilot, and commander of Navy Operational Support Command Milwaukee, where he was responsible for maintaining the warfighting readiness for 140 selected Reservists in five units.



Navy Command Master Chief Petty Officer Philip T. Smith

Naval Air Facility Washington Command Master Chief

Command Master Chief Petty Officer Philip T. Smith is the command senior enlisted leader for Naval Air Facility Washington at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Master Chief Smith enlisted in the Navy in 1993 and then attended Radioman “A” School at Naval Training Center San Diego.

Master Chief Smith has had several assignments throughout his career including aboard the USS Duncan (FFG-10), USS John F. Kennedy, and USS Fahrion (FFG-22), USS Ardent (MCM-12), USS Chief (MCM-14), and the USS Avenger (MCM-1). He has also served at the Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida, and Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 109 at Joint Reserve Base Carswell in Fort Worth, Texas, where he deployed in January 2003 in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

In 2008, he became the operations center operations floor lead at Joint Reserve Base New Orleans in Belle Chase, Louisiana, where he coordinated humanitarian efforts in support of Operation Haiti Relief. In 2011 he became communication officer for the commander of Destroyer Squadron Fourteen at Naval Station Mayport, Florida. In 2014 he was named the senior enlisted advisor at Naval Operational Support Center Columbus, Ohio. In 2018 he then transferred to Naval Reserve Center Baltimore as the command master chief, then moving to his current command at Naval Air Facility Washington.



844th Communications Group

The 844th Communications Group provides communications and information technology systems and services for the National Military Command Center, Headquarters United States Air Force, the Air Force District of Washington, and other Air Force organizations within the National Capital Region.

The group's mission also includes travel and communications support to the secretary of defense, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the chief of staff of the Air Force.

The 844th Communications Group is comprised of the headquarters and subordinate units at Joint Base Andrews-NAF Washington, Maryland, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C., and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

The 844th Communications Group also provides a wide range of communications and information management services supporting all Air Force units in the National Capital Region, and air and space expeditionary forces around the globe. The group delivers voice, data, publishing, mail and mobile communications services. Group responsibilities include records management, reprographics, Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act and information assurance programs.





Col. Patrick D. Rienzi

844th Communications Group Commander

Colonel Patrick D. Rienzi is the Commander of the 844th Communications Group, Joint Base Andrews, MD. He leads over 950 professional Airmen across three squadrons providing world-class communications and computer systems support to over 18,000 users across the Air Force District of Washington and associated organizations throughout the National Capital Region, including: Headquarters Department of the Air Force and the National Military Command Center. Additionally, the group provides global executive communications support to the Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of the Air Force, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Chief of Space Operations.

Colonel Rienzi was born in Akron, Ohio. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering from The Ohio State University and was commissioned through Officer Training School in 2003. He has served as a Cyberspace Operations officer in support of fixed and tactical missions at the Flight, Squadron, Group, Major Command, Headquarters Air Force, Combatant Command and Presidential levels. Colonel Rienzi has deployed several times to Cuba, Africa and Southwest Asia in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN. Prior to his current assignment, he was a Director for Cyber Operations at the National Security Council where he integrated cyber policy into U.S., foreign, national, and economic policies while coordinating military cyber operations supporting national security across the federal government.

Colonel Rienzi is married to the former Audra Miller of Abilene, Texas and has three daughters.

EDUCATION

2002 Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering (Magna Cum Laude), The Ohio State University
 2003 Distinguished Graduate, Officer Training School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
 2003 Expeditionary Communications Officer Training, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
 2003 Exceptional Performer, Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
 2009 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
 2011 Master of Science in Information Assurance, University of Maryland Univ College, Md.
 2013 Air Command & Staff College by correspondence.
 2015 Air Force Strategic Policy Fellow (IDE), Washington, D.C.
 2020 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, National Defense University (NDU).

MAJOR, AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air and Space Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters
 Air and Space Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant April 04, 2003
 First Lieutenant April 04, 2005
 Captain April 04, 2007
 Major Feb 1, 2013
 Lt Colonel Dec 1, 2016
 Colonel Apr 1, 2022

Anna L. Santos de Dios

844th Communications Group Deputy Director

Anna L. Santos de Dios is the Deputy Director of the 844th Communications Group, Joint Base Andrews, MD. She leads a diverse group that provides communications and computer systems support to the Air Force District of Washington and associated organizations throughout the National Capital Region, including Headquarters United States Air Force, the National Military Command Center, and worldwide executive communications support to the Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of the Air Force, and Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Chief of Space Operations.



Ms Santos de Dios has received degrees from the National Defense University and the University of California at Berkeley, and served eight years on active duty as an Air Force air battle manager. She entered the civil service in 2009 and holds an FAA commercial multi-engine instrument pilot rating.

Chief Master Sgt. Felipe E. Perez

844th Communications Group Senior Enlisted Leader

Chief Master Sergeant Felipe E. Perez Serves as the Senior Enlisted Leader of the 844th Communications Group, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He advises the Commander on all cyber-related matters and guides 970 personnel, servicing 32K personnel spanning 84 units, 6 wings, 3 joint bases, and the Department of the Air Force as AFNCR cyber lead. Additionally, he manages the operations and maintenance for 1.6K circuits and 24K systems valued at \$250M. Provides support to 280 senior leaders & 4 contingency sites, as well as executive travel & global C2 for POTUS, SecDef, CJCS, & senior DAF leaders. Furthermore, he oversees executive agent duties for \$517M NMCC cyber & physical infrastructure, C2 & Nuclear Command Control & Communications systems.



Chief Perez graduated from high school and enlisted in the Air Force in 1996 as an Aircraft Armament Systems Apprentice. Chief Perez loaded the F-16 Falcon and the B-1B Lancer as a Weapons Loader. In May 2000, he cross-trained into the Communication-Computer Systems Operations career field. He has served in numerous cyber positions throughout his career at base-level communications units, Air Operation Centers (NAF), and Wing and MAJCOM level staffs. Chief Perez is married to Lt Colonel Christina P. Perez from Kodiak, Alaska, and has one daughter, Isabela.



Airmen carry a medical manikin during the Tactical Combat Casualty Care challenge at the 316th Wing annual awards ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Feb. 22, 2024. The ceremony also included a skill drill, hammer drill, a money counting drill and more.

A snow plow clears the flight line at Joint Base Andrews, Md., Jan. 19, 2024. The snow removal team is formed primarily with augmentees from shops across the 316th Civil Engineer Squadron.





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