

Air Force Journalistic Style Guide for Public Releases

This supplement to the *Associated Press Stylebook and Briefing on Media Law* is a guide to help Air Force news editors with Air Force-unique words and phrases that the *AP Stylebook* does not address.

Webster's New World College Dictionary shall be used for punctuation, spelling, style and usage not covered in the *AP Stylebook*.

This supplement shall be used only after the above sources have been referenced.

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A

Academy Uppercase on second reference when referring to U.S. Air Force Academy.

AFSO21 Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century – AFSO21 acceptable on second reference (no space in AFSO21).

acronyms Limit use of acronyms based on ease of communication, readability and common sense as well as those uses approved for first or subsequent reference by the AP Stylebook and this style guide.

Generally introduce the acronym no more than two sentences from the first spelling out.

Do not automatically use an acronym on second reference when a usage such as “the unit”, “the command” or “the office” can be used.

If the author includes an acronym in parentheses after it’s spelled out on first reference, leave the parenthetical in the text, but don’t add parenthetical acronyms. Don’t use parenthetical acronyms after major command or unit names; delete them if they’re included. (Ex. "He graduated from the School of Water Immersion Mechanics (SWIM)" is OK. "She is commander of Air Force Space Command (AFSPC)" is not OK; delete (AFSPC).

active duty (n.), **active-duty** (adj.) *He has sworn to serve three years on active duty. Active-duty service members will receive a 3 percent raise.*

active-duty service commitment
ADSC is acceptable on second reference.

AGM air-to-ground missile

AIM air intercept (or air-to-air) missile

Air and Space Basic Course The first level of officer professional military

education, held for second lieutenants and civilians at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. *ASBC* is acceptable on second reference.

air and space expeditionary force
AEF is the correct abbreviation and is acceptable on second reference.

air and space force Preferred term vs. *aerospace force*.

air base Capitalize when used in conjunction with a base: *Misawa Air Base*. *AB* is acceptable in conjunction with a second reference to a base: *Misawa AB*. Do not abbreviate in biographies.

airborne laser

Air Command and Staff College
ACSC is acceptable on second reference.

aircraft battle damage repair *ABDR* is acceptable on second reference.

aircrew

airdrop

airfield

Air Force May be abbreviated to *AF* in headlines. Do not abbreviate to *AF* within a story unless it is part of an approved acronym: *They are all Air Force members*. Not: *They are all AF members*. See the *air force* entry in the Associated Press Stylebook for capitalization practices.

Air Force Aid Society *AFAS* is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force Association *AFA* is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force base Capitalize when used in conjunction with a base: *Randolph Air*

Force Base. *AFB* is acceptable in conjunction with a second reference to a base: *Randolph AFB*.

Air Force capabilities Made possible by the **Air Force core competencies**. The Air Force capabilities are:

- air and space superiority.
- information superiority.
- global attack.
- precision engagement.
- rapid global mobility.
- agile combat support.

Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment *AFCEE* is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force chief of staff unless before a name *Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III*. *CSAF* is acceptable on second reference and in headlines.

Air Force Communications Agency obsolete name of the new Air Force Network Integration Center.

Air Force core competencies The Air Force core competencies are:

- Developing Airmen.
- Technology-to-warfighting.
- Integrating operations.

Air Force core values The Air Force core values are:

- Integrity first.
- Service before self.
- Excellence in all we do.

Air Force Doctrine Center Obsolete name for the LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education.

Air Force General Officer Matters Office The military counterpart to the Air Force Senior Executive Management Office. *AFGOMO* is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force Inspection Agency *AFIA* is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force Institute of Technology

A postgraduate school with headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The school offers degrees in aeronautical, astronautical and electrical engineering, among others. *AFIT* is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force instruction With a specific instruction: *Air Force Instruction 35-101, "Public Affairs Policies and Procedures."* *AFI* is acceptable on second reference. Ensure complete title is included on first reference.

Air Force Junior ROTC Acceptable in all references for *Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps*. *Junior ROTC* is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force Link The obsolete name for the official Air Force website (<http://www.af.mil>). It is now referred to as AF (dot) mil or AF.mil

Air Force Museum Former (and obsolete) name of the **National Museum of the U.S. Air Force**.

Air Force Network Integration Center *AFNIC* is acceptable on second reference. It is the former Air Force Communications Agency.

Air Force News Agency Obsolete name for the Defense Media Activity. *AFNEWS* was merged with other service's news agencies in the 2005 BRAC. The agency moved to Fort Meade, Md., in 2011.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations *AFOSI* is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force One An Air Force aircraft carrying the president of the United States. See the **VC-25A Air Force One** entry.

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award *AFOEA* is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

AFOUA is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force Personnel Center *AFPC*

is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force Priorities

- Continue to strengthen the Air Force nuclear enterprise
- Partner with the joint and coalition team to win today's fight
- Develop and care for Airmen and their families
- Modernize air, space inventories, organizations and training
- Recapture acquisition excellence

Air Force Recruiting Service *AFRS*

is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force Reserve There is no *s* after Reserve. Use *reservist* when referring to a member of the Air Force Reserve: *She is an Air Force reservist. He is in the Reserve.*

Note: If the discussion includes the Air National Guard, then *reserve* is lowercase, as in *air reserve components*...

Air Force Reserve Command *AFRC*

is acceptable on second reference. When identifying a Reserve unit in a story or caption, use "Air Force Reserve Command's 302nd Airlift Wing."

Air Force ROTC Acceptable in all references for *Air Force Reserve Officer's Training Corps. Senior ROTC* is not acceptable. See also **Air Force Junior ROTC**.

Air Force Safety Center Do not use *AFSC* as an acronym for *Air Force Safety Center*. Preferred use is *Air Force Safety Center* or *the safety center* on second reference.

Air Force Senior Executive Management Office The civilian counterpart to the Air Force General Officer Matters Office.

Air Force Senior NCO Academy Do not abbreviate. Preferred use is *the academy* on second reference. Use *Air Force Senior NCO Academy* when distinguishing among other academies in a story.

Air Force Sergeants Association

AFSA is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force Space Command *AFSPC*

is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force Special Operations Command *AFSOC*

is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force specialty code With a specific code: *Air Force Specialty Code 3NOX1, public affairs. AFSC or AFSC 3NOX1* is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force Weather Agency *AFWA* is acceptable on second reference.

Air Force-wide

Airman, Airmen Capitalized in all uses except when used as part of a generic reference to a rank or person or when U.S. forces are mixed in with airmen of other countries: *high year of tenure for senior airmen* or *An airman 1st class was arrested. U.S. Air Force and South Korean airmen...*

Airman battle uniform *ABU* is acceptable on second reference.

Airman leadership school Lowercase unless preceded by the name of the installation: *Lackland Air Force Base Airman Leadership School* or *Lackland Airman Leadership School*. *ALS* is acceptable on second reference.

Airman magazine The correct name is *Airman*, not *Airman Magazine*. It is *Airman* magazine.

Air National Guard A reserve component of the Air Force. *ANG* or *Air*

Guard is acceptable on second reference. Lower-case *guardsmen*.

air show

airpower

airspace

air strike

air station Capitalize when used in conjunction with a base: *Izmir Air Station, Turkey*. *AS* is acceptable on second reference in conjunction with a base: *Izmir AS*.

Air University *AU* is acceptable on second reference.

Air War College *AWC* is acceptable on second reference.

American Battle Monuments

Commission Established in 1923 in Washington, D.C., the commission maintains all U.S. military cemeteries, including those on foreign soil. Do not use *ABMC*.

American Forces Radio and

Television Service Provides radio and television news, sports, information and entertainment programming to Department of Defense personnel and their family members overseas or at sea where English-language broadcast service is unavailable or inadequate. *AFRTS* is acceptable on second reference.

anti-ballistic missile *ABM* is acceptable on second reference.

apostrophe (') Do not use an apostrophe when referring to Air Force aircraft in a plural context: *There are seven F-15Es on base*. See the *apostrophe (')* entry in the punctuation portion of the Associated Press Stylebook for other usage practices.

apprehension Military legal term for taking someone into custody and placing

him under observation until proper authorities arrive.

area defense counsel *ADC* is acceptable on second reference.

armed forces, armed services

armed forces and *armed services* are synonymous and refer to *the military services and the U.S. Coast Guard*.

Army and Air Force Exchange

Service *AAFES* is acceptable on second reference.

arrest Military legal term that does not mean the actual taking of a person into custody. Arrest directs the person to remain within certain specified limits and is enforced by virtue of the person's moral and legal obligation to obey the order.

Article 15, Articles 15

AWACS Acceptable in all references for *airborne warning and control system*. See **E-3 Sentry** for aircraft description.

Note: For all aircraft, upon first reference, always use the letter-number designation AND the official name of the aircraft, e.g. B-52 Stratofortress. You will need to add it parenthetically in quotes if not included by the speaker.

B

barracks An outdated term used only in a historical sense. Use *dormitory*.

basic military training

base exchange The Exchange is the new official title of an Army and Air Force Exchange Service outlet. *the exchange* is acceptable on second reference. Use *The Exchange at Lackland Air Force Base*.

basic allowance for housing *BAH* is acceptable on second reference.

basic allowance for subsistence *BAS* is acceptable on second reference.

battle dress uniform *BDU* is the obsolete woodland pattern uniform. *BDU* is acceptable on second reference.

battlelab, battlelabs Do not capitalize unless the formal name is used.

battle staff

beddown - noun

bed down - verb

below-the-zone promotion *BTZ* is acceptable on second reference.

billeting An outdated term for temporary accommodations. Use *lodging*.

BRAC Acceptable on second reference for Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, sometimes mistakenly referred to as the Base Realignment and Closure Commission

building Abbreviate and capitalize when used with numbers to designate a particular structure, such as *Bldg. 610*. See **gate**, **hangar** and **room** entries.

byline Tells the reader that the person credited with the story has gathered most of the information, heard the quotes unless they are credited to a third listener and been largely responsible for the form the story has taken. A byline on a datelined story also tells the reader that the author gathered the information at the location indicated. Note, only ONE person is listed in the byline box. Additional reporters "contributed to this story." Also, an entire office CANNOT be the author. If an office or organization is listed in the byline, move it to the end of the story as (*Courtesy of the 60 Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office*)

C

cadet See **courtesy and military titles** entry.

change of command ceremony - don't hyphenate compound adjective

chaplain See **courtesy and military titles** entry.

chief master sgt. of the Air Force

child care (n.), **child-care** (adj.) *I know a parent who is seeking child care. She is a child-care provider.*

child-care giver, child-care provider A person trained and certified to take care of children.

chow hall Outdated term; use only in historical sense. Correct term is *dining facility*. See **mess hall** entry.

Civil Air Patrol By federal law, the Civil Air Patrol is an official Air Force auxiliary. *CAP* is acceptable on second reference.

civilian personnel office *CPO* is acceptable on second reference. Lowercase unless preceded by the name of the installation: *Barksdale Civilian Personnel Office*.

Class A accident A military accident that causes loss of life or at least \$1 million of damage.

CLEP test Acceptable in all references for *College Level Examination Program*.

close of business Do not abbreviate. A specific time of closure is preferred.

coalition (it's not a proper noun)

Colombia - the country

Columbia - the university, the former space shuttle, several cities and private-sector organizations

Combined Federal Campaign *CFC* is acceptable on second reference.

combined task force *CTF* is acceptable on second reference.

combined joint task force *CJTF* is acceptable on second reference.

commander in chief Do not hyphenate. There is only one commander in chief of the armed forces, the president. Do not use the term when referring to commanders of unified commands.

commissary Lowercase unless preceded by the name of the installation: *base commissary, Langley Commissary*.

Community College of the Air Force *CCAF* is acceptable on second reference.

Common Access Card Capitalize as a proper noun. *CAC* is acceptable on second reference. Do not use *CAC card*.

company grade officer An officer below the rank of major. *CGO* is acceptable on second reference.

company grade officers association Term is plural, not possessive — no apostrophe. Lowercase unless preceded by the name of the installation: *Offutt Company Grade Officers Association*. *CGOA* acceptable on 2nd reference.

Congressional (erroneous) Medal of Honor See Medal of Honor Do NOT use Congressional!!!!

consecutive overseas tour *COT* is acceptable on second reference.

CONUS Acceptable on second reference for *continental United States*. Note: This term in most military uses actually refers to the 48 *contiguous* states; the term's origin predates the admission of Alaska as a state.

core competencies See **Air Force core competencies**.

core values See **Air Force core values**.

cost-of-living allowance *COLA* is acceptable on second reference.

counternarcotics

courtesy and military titles On first reference, use the appropriate courtesy or military title before the full name (see notes). On second and subsequent reference, use last name only.

cadets Academy or ROTC cadets are identified as *Cadet Thomas Gaines* on first reference. On second and subsequent reference, use last name only.

children First names are acceptable for children ages 17 and younger.

civilians Refer to men and women by first and last name on first reference: *Mark Haston, Elizabeth Gaines*. Do not use Mr., Ms., etc., in front of a civilian name. Do not use *Honorable* in front of a civilian's title. On second and subsequent reference, use last name only.

doctors and chaplains Air Force physicians are identified as *Capt. (Dr.) John Jones* on first reference. Chaplains are *Chaplain (Maj.) Sam Smith*. On second and subsequent reference, use last name only.

headlines Military titles are not required in headlines.

judges Refer to a judge as judge, not as Mr., Mrs., or Ms.

pilot nicknames Pilot call signs or nicknames will not be used in news stories. Some may be deemed unsuitable for AF.Mil so use none. If a full name cannot be used because of security reasons, the rank and first name can be used instead.

retirees *retired Brig. Gen. John Doe, retired Master Sgt. Richard Roe*. Not *Brig. Gen (Ret)*. Also, in accordance with AFI 36-3106, *Air Force Retiree Activities*, retirees will be addressed by their retired grade (not Mr., Miss, or Ms.) except for those retirees who are currently employed by Civil Service while on duty. On second and subsequent reference, use last name only.

“**Select**” is not a rank – do not use *Col. (Sel) John Smith*. The correct title is *Lt. Col. John Smith*.

court-martial, courts-martial

CPR Acceptable in all references for *cardiopulmonary resuscitation*.

crew chief

crewmember

cyber-, cyberspace Mostly, cyber is a prefix so use general rule for prefixes; do not use a hyphen before a word starting with a consonant: *cybersecurity, cybercafé, cyberworld*. The word, cyber, is becoming used more and more as a noun, as in *cyber strategies* or *cyber capabilities*. The command is U.S. Cyber Command.

D

Dedicated crew chief "dedicated" can be misunderstood by civilians (of course they're dedicated) so drop it and just go with crew chief.

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission – BRAC acceptable on second reference.

Defense Commissary Agency DeCA is acceptable on second reference.

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System DEERS is acceptable on second reference.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service DFAS is acceptable on second reference.

Defense Intelligence Agency DIA is acceptable on second reference.

Defense Language Institute DLI is acceptable on second reference.

Defense Logistics Agency DLA is acceptable on second reference.

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office DRMO is acceptable on second reference.

Department of Defense DOD is acceptable on second and subsequent references. It is preferable to use Defense Department. Note uppercase O (not DoD).

Department of Defense Dependents Schools DODDS is acceptable on second reference.

dependent *Family member(s)* is preferred unless writing about compensation or legal issues that require the use of *dependent* in the narrow or legal sense. When referring to a specific person or people, use *husband*, *wife*, *son*, *daughter* or *children*.

DEROS Acceptable on second reference for *date of estimated return from overseas*.

Desert combat uniform – DCU acceptable on second reference.

dining-in, dinings-in A formal dinner for military members of a wing, unit or organization held to promote unit cohesion and morale. Capitalize when used with the name of the base: *The Randolph AFB Dining-In is today*.

dining-out, dinings-out The difference between a dining-in and a dining-out is that nonmilitary spouses, friends, and civilians may attend a dining-out. Capitalize when used with the name of the base: *The Randolph AFB Dining-Out is today*.

doctor See **courtesy and military titles**.

DSN Acceptable in all references for *Defense Switched Network* when used with a telephone number: *For more information, call DSN 487-7213*. In stories about the system, spell out on first reference: *Defense Switched Network connections are being repaired*.

E

electronic countermeasures *ECM* is acceptable on second reference.

enlisted club Also known as the *NCO club*. Note: The designated titles of clubs differ across the Air Force. Use the appropriate title at the base being featured.

Capitalize when prefaced with the name of the base: *Tyndall Enlisted Club*

See **NCO club** entry.

enlisted performance report *EPR* is acceptable on second reference.

enlisted spouses club Formerly known as the *NCO wives club*. Note: The designated titles of clubs differ across the Air Force. Use the appropriate title at the base being featured.

Do not abbreviate. Capitalize when prefaced with the name of the base: *Tyndall Enlisted Spouses Club*. Preferred use is without the apostrophe.

See **NCO wives club** entry.

EQUAL Acceptable on second reference for *Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing*; a system that advertises upcoming assignment requirements and gives people a chance to volunteer for vacancies.

EQUAL-Plus *Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing-Plus*. A system that advertises upcoming special-duty-assignment requirements. If referring to *EQUAL-Plus* after *EQUAL* has already been referred to, *EQUAL-Plus* is acceptable on all references. If not, spell out on first reference.

-ever first-ever, second-ever, best-ever is redundant (like completely destroyed). Avoid using unless in a quote.

executive officer Commander's key staff member. Avoid using *XO* or *exec*.

exercises Capitalize the names of exercises: *Red Flag*; *Cope Thunder 04-02*. Capitalize "Exercise" only if it is part of the official title.

F

family member referring generically to a service member's spouse or child. When referring to a specific person or people, use *husband, wife, son, daughter* or *children*. Avoid using *dependent* unless writing about compensation or legal issues that require the use of *dependent*.

field grade officer A major, lieutenant colonel or colonel.

firefighter

fiscal year The military fiscal year is from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Do not abbreviate as FY. *The program's budget is going up in the next fiscal year.* Drop year when used in conjunction with the numerical year: *Congress cut the budget for fiscal 2005.*

flightcrew

flightline

flight Capitalize when used to designate a particular unit: *He works in the 47th Mission Support Group Military Personnel Flight* (or ... *Group's Military Personnel Flight*). *He works in the military personnel flight.*

See **group**, **squadron** and **wing** entries.

fly-by-wire

force protection condition Capitalize when referring to a specific threat condition: *The base is in Force Protection Condition Charlie. The base increased the force protection condition.*

foreign-object damage FOD is acceptable on second reference, and is often used as a shorthand for the debris itself.

frock Allowing a service member who has been selected for promotion to wear the grade insignia before the promotion is official. Frocking is usually restricted to senior officers.

G

gate Capitalize when used with a number in reference to a specific entrance to the base: *They are at Gate 7. I will meet you at the Post Road gate.*

See **building**, **hangar** and **room** entries.

GBU guided bomb unit

Global Positioning System GPS is acceptable on second reference.

Gore-Tex A registered trademark of W.L. Gore & Associates, who make water-resistant jackets for wear with the Airman battle uniform.

government-owned vehicle

Preferred use is *Air Force vehicle* or *government vehicle* in all references. The acronym *GOV* should not be used.

graphic credit lines Graphic credits should be treated the same as photo credits. Style and placement may vary, but proper credit must be given: (*U.S. Air Force graphic/Joe Jones*). Artists can put their personal signatures on their work, but standard credits should still be used. When graphic treatments are applied to a photo the credit line should reflect the graphic artist and photographer. : (*U.S. Air Force photo/Joe Jones, U.S. Air Force graphic/Jim Jones*)

ground breaking (n.),
ground-breaking (adj.)

Ground Zero – refers to the site of the World Trade Center as opposed to “ground zero” which is where an ICBM lands.

group Capitalize when used with numbers to designate a particular unit: *He works at the 47th Operations Group. He works at the operations group.*

See **flight**, **squadron** and **wing** entries.

Gulf War *Persian Gulf War* is preferred when referring to coalition military activities for Operation Desert Storm.

gunship A generic term for a type of combat aircraft, like *fighter* or *bomber*. See **AC-130** entry.

GWOT Do not use Global War on Terror or GWOT unless in a quote. The correct phrase is *war on terrorism*

See **war on terrorism**

H I J K

hail and farewell A social event that welcomes new members of a military unit and honors departing ones.

hangar (not hanger!) Capitalize when used with numbers to designate a particular structure, such as *Hangar 509*.

See **building**, **gate** and **room** entries.

hazardous materials *HAZMAT* is acceptable on second reference.

headquarters Do not abbreviate except when referring to a mailing address in the body of a story. Do not turn into a verb as in *headquartered at*.

here Do not use as a reference to a location when the datelined location is Southwest Asia or another region rather than a specific location. See the entry in the AP Stylebook for more on minimizing the use of *here*.

Humvee Acceptable in all references for *high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle*.

ID card Acceptable in all references for *identification card*.

identification Use articles (*a, the*) in identifying people to improve readability: *Staff Sgt. John Smith, a loadmaster with the 99th Airlift Squadron; Col. Marvin Meeks, the commander of the 99th Bomb Wing; Senior Airman Dan Dare of the 99th Maintenance Squadron*. Do not use a style similar to signature blocks: *Staff Sgt. John Smith, loadmaster, 99th Airlift Squadron*.

IED Acceptable on second reference for *improvised explosive device*, but preferred to this jargon when applicable is *roadside bomb*.

inprocessing, outprocessing

inspector general Lowercase unless used as a proper military title: *Air Force Materiel Command Inspector General Brig.*

Gen. Jane Jones or *Brig. Gen. Jane Jones, Air Force Materiel Command inspector general*.

instruction Capitalize and include the full title on first reference: *Air Force Instruction 36-2903, "Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel,"* *AFI* is acceptable on second reference when used with the number: *AFI 36-2903*. Preferred use is *instruction* in all other cases.

See **manual** and **pamphlet** entries.

ISR Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. *ISR* is acceptable on second reference.

jail The Air Force does not have jails. There are local and regional Air Force confinement facilities; Department of Defense regional confinement facilities, and the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks at the DOD level located at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

JDAM Acceptable on second reference for *joint direct attack munition*.

joint bases Spell out on first reference (Joint Base Langley-Eustis). On second reference use the Air Force base's name alone. (Ex. Dr. Jack Sheppard visited Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va. He was at Langley to promote good health.) Avoid using the Air Force reference alone if possible by using the base, the installation, etc. Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, on second reference, will be Fort Worth. AFRC's 10th AF and 301st Fighter Wing are stationed there as well as the Texas Air National Guard's 136th Airlift Wing.

Joint Commands Even though they're not acronyms, upper-case joint commands (PACOM, EUCOM, STRATCOM, CENTCOM, etc.)

joint task force *JTF* is acceptable on second reference. Lowercase unless used

with specific group, e.g. Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa.

joint terminal attack controller

JTAC is permissible on second reference. This title is frequently incorrect. A JTAC is a Tactical Air Control Party, but not all TAC-Ps are JTACs. See TAC-P

junior officer A lieutenant or captain.

Junior ROTC Acceptable in all references for *Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps*, which offers character and citizenship education to high school students. See **Air Force Junior ROTC**.

Korea -- use South Korea unless specifically referencing North Korea. Use South Korea instead of Republic of Korea in reference to air base locations.

L M N

LANTIRN Acceptable on first use for *low-altitude navigation and targeting infrared for night*, but it should be spelled out somewhere in the story.

LGM-30 Minuteman III An intercontinental ballistic missile. *Minuteman III missile* is acceptable in all references.

load, unload Use instead of *upload* and *offload* when referring to aircraft cargo ops.

loadmaster

lodging Use in place of *billeting*.

low-crawl Usually redundant; use *crawl* alone unless a distinction with another kind of crawling is needed.

major command Preferred use on second reference is *the command*, or use a specific reference: *ACC, AMC, AFMC*, etc.

manual Capitalize and spell out the proper name on first reference: *Air Force Manual 10-100 "Airman's Manual" contains step-by-step instructions on tent construction*.

AFM is acceptable on second reference when used with the number: *AFM 10-100*. Preferred use is *manual* in all other cases.

See **instruction** and **pamphlet** entries.

Meals, Ready to Eat Freeze-dried foods packaged for field troops. *MRE* is acceptable on second reference. *Meal, Ready to Eat* is the singular form.

medals Do not capitalize unless used as part of a proper noun. For example *Air Force Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, Air Force Cross, Distinguished Service Medal*.

Medal of Honor Because the citation includes the phrase "in the name of

Congress," it is often erroneously called the Congressional Medal of Honor. Don't use "Congressional." The official title is Medal of Honor. The MOH is **never** "won."

medical evacuation Avoid *medevac* except in direct quotes.

mess dress uniform Military uniform for formal occasions.

mess hall Outdated term; preferred term is *dining facility*. See **chow hall** entry.

MIA Acceptable on second reference for *missing in action*. Do not use as slang for *absent*.

See *prisoner(s) of war* entry in the Associated Press Stylebook.

MILES Acceptable on second reference for *Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System*, but preferred use is *laser system* or *engagement system*.

mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle an armored vehicle designed to survive roadside bomb attacks, ambushes. MRAP is acceptable on second reference.

mine-resistant, ambush-protected all-terrain vehicle a smaller version of the MRAP ideal for off-road work and narrow trails or paths. M-ATV can be used on second reference.

Minuteman III missile Acceptable in all references to the *LGM-30 Minuteman III*.

MWR *morale, welfare and recreation*. Outdated term; *services* is the preferred term.

9/11 don't use a dash as in 9-11

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force Do not use *Air Force Museum*.

National Security Agency *NSA* is acceptable on second reference.

Navy rating Not a rank. Do not include in a rank before a name; instead, convert to the actual rank. For example, *MCI John Smith* (Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class John Smith) is *Petty Officer 1st Class John Smith* in Air Force publications.

NCO Acceptable in all references to *noncommissioned officer*.

NCO academy Lowercase unless preceded by the name of the installation or the name of the school: *Barksdale Air Force Base NCO Academy*, *Barksdale NCO Academy*, *Airey NCO Academy*. *NCOA* is acceptable on second reference.

NCO club May be called the *enlisted club* at some installations. The designated title of clubs differ across the Air Force. Use the appropriate title at the base being featured. Capitalize when used with the name of the base: *Tyndall Air Force Base NCO Club*.

See **enlisted club** entry.

NCO in charge *NCOIC* is acceptable on second reference.

NCO wives club Most clubs use the name *enlisted spouses club*. Use the appropriate title for the base being featured.

See **enlisted spouses club** entry.

no-fly zone

Non Commissioned Officers Association Nonprofit organization concerned with issues that affect NCOs of the military services. *NCOA* is acceptable on second reference.

Numbered Air Forces Spell out *Air Force*; not 12th AF, but 12th Air Force

O

office Lowercase except when used in the proper name: *public affairs office*; *TSgt. Dick Smith, the NCO in charge of the public affairs office*; *37th Training Wing Public Affairs Office*.

officer in charge OIC is acceptable on second reference.

officer performance report OPR is acceptable on second reference.

officers club Should be capitalized when a specific club is named: *Lackland Air Force Base Officers Club*. Preferred use is without the apostrophe.

officers spouses club Formerly known as the *officers wives club* and also known as the *officers and civilians spouses club*. The title of this organization differs across the Air Force. Use the appropriate title for the base being featured.

Capitalize when prefaced with the name of the base: *Tyndall AFB Officers Spouses Club*. Preferred use is without the apostrophe.

See **officers wives club** entry.

officers wives club Most clubs have been renamed *officers spouses club* or *officers and civilians spouses club*. The title of this organization differs across the Air Force. Use the appropriate title for the base being featured.

Capitalize when prefaced with the name of the base: *Lackland Air Force Base Officers Wives Club*. Preferred use is without the apostrophe.

See **officers spouses club** entry.

Office of Special Investigations (OSI) personnel Use *special agent* on

first reference. *Agent* is acceptable on second reference.

operation Use on first reference only and capitalize when used with a specific operation: *Operation Desert Storm*, *Operation Southern Watch*. Lowercase when naming more than one. *The aircraft was used in operations Allied Force and Desert Storm*.

See **war** entry.

Operation Enduring Freedom The combat operation in Afghanistan. OEF is acceptable on second reference.

Operation Iraqi Freedom The combat operation in Iraq. OIF is acceptable on second reference.

operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom When citing both together in one sentence, *operations* is lowercase and *Freedom* must appear for both.

operational readiness inspection ORI is acceptable on second reference.

operational readiness exercise ORE is acceptable on second reference.

on-the-job training

operations tempo *opstempo* is acceptable on second reference.

outprocessing, inprocessing

overwatch What close-air-support aircraft provide ground troops.

P

pamphlet Capitalize and spell out the proper name on first reference: *Air Force Pamphlet 166-27* "Air Force Dietary Guidelines" was designed to improve a person's eating habits.

AFP is acceptable on second reference when used with the number: *AFP 166-27*.

Preferred use is *pamphlet* in all other cases.

See **instruction** and **manual** entries.

people Preferred when referring to members of a unit or base residents. *Personnel* should be avoided. See **personnel** entry.

permanent change of station PCS is acceptable on second reference.

Persian Gulf War Preferred when referring to coalition military activities conducted as part of Operation Desert Storm.

personnel Avoid using when referring to members of a unit or base residents. Preferred use is *people*. See **people** entry.

Personnel Support for Contingency Operations PERSCO is acceptable on second reference.

personnel tempo *perstempo* is acceptable on second reference.

photo caption/credit line See the AP Stylebook for captioning guidelines. Follow the example of the standard AP caption. Air Force News Service does not use days of the week in photo captions. *Democratic presidential hopeful U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., delivers his policy on Iraq speech Sept.24, 2007, in Clinton, Iowa. Obama called for the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. combat brigades from Iraq, with the pullout being completed by the end of next year.*

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primary care manager Do not abbreviate.

Prime BEEF Acceptable in all references to *Prime Base Engineer Emergency Forces*. Prime BEEF are civil engineer forces organized for direct combat support or emergency recovery from natural disasters. If possible, explain the acronym in the story as a secondary fact: *Prime BEEF stands for Prime Base...*

privately owned vehicle Preferred use is *private* or *personal car* in all references. The acronym *POV* should not be used.

professional military education *PME* is acceptable on second reference.

provincial reconstruction team Do not capitalize unless used as part of a proper noun. *Members of the Paktya Provincial Reconstruction Team met with village leaders.* PRT is acceptable on second reference.

Q R S

QDR Acceptable on second reference for *Quadrennial Defense Review*.

rank "Select" is **not** a rank. Use Brig. Gen. Joe Jones, not Maj. Gen (Sel) Joe Jones.

RED HORSE Acceptable in all references for *Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineers*. If possible, explain the acronym in the story as a secondary fact: *RED HORSE stands for Rapid...*

re-enlist, re-enlistment

Reserve It is singular and uppercased when referring to someone in that component. A person is not in the Reserves. It is lowercased when you're talking about reserve forces that include the ANG and Reserve together.

reservist (lowercase)

room Capitalize when used with numbers to designate a particular room in a structure, such as Bldg. 52, Room 1201.

See **building**, **gate** and **hangar** entries.

Royal Air Force Name of the British air force and used to denote air bases in England: *Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England*. *RAF* is acceptable on second reference. Do not add the word *base* after *Air Force*.

secretary of the Air Force Capitalize when used before a name. *SecAF* is acceptable on second reference.

secretary of Defense Capitalize when used before a name. Refrain from using *SecDEF* or *SECDEF* in headlines or on second reference. Instead, use defense secretary or the secretary's last name.

self-aid and buddy care Note that this phrase describes two types of care: that applied to yourself and that given to another.

self-help (n., adj.) *Self-help is open 8 to 10 a.m. Fridays. The self-help project ended Tuesday.*

Senior NCO Academy See the **Air Force Senior NCO Academy** entry.

SERE Acceptable on second reference for *survival, evasion, resistance and escape*. Airmen assigned to this career field are specialists, not instructors.

Service member, serviceman, servicewoman Use *service member* when either a man or woman could be affected or included. Note: per update to AP Style Guide, service member is now two words, the other two are single words.

shoppette Capitalize when prefaced with the name of the base: *The Vance AFB Shoppette is open until midnight. The shoppette closes at midnight.*

South Korea -- not Republic of Korea

space-available *Space-A* is acceptable on second reference.

special agent Office of Special Investigations (OSI) personnel. *Agent* is acceptable on second reference

spouse Use *husband* or *wife* if referring to a specific person; otherwise use *spouse*.

the States Capitalize "States" when it means the U.S. as a whole. Lowercase when referring to individual states collectively (e.g. "Each of the states elects two senators" vs "I'm going back to the States.")

squadron Capitalized when used with a number to designate a particular squadron:

He works at the 37th Mission Support Squadron. He works at the mission support squadron.

See **flight**, **group** and **wing** entries.

Squadron Officer School *SOS* is acceptable on second reference.

SSN Acceptable on second reference for *Social Security number*.

Stripes for Exceptional Performers *STEP* is acceptable on second reference.

surgeon general, surgeons general

T

tactical air control party Abbreviated TAC-P. See JTAC

TDY Acceptable in all references for *temporary duty*.

Threatcon Outmoded term replaced by **force protection condition**.

3-volley rifle salute is what is seen at a traditional military funeral. The rifle party, often seven people, typically fire three volleys in unison (this may be where the confusion with 21 comes from). 21-gun salutes are reserved for heads of state and almost always involve artillery.

Thunderbirds The Air Force precision-flying demonstration team that flies red, white and blue F-16s. Members of the Thunderbirds make up the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron.

time-in-grade, time-in-service

Tops in Blue The all-Air Force entertainment group that annually tours Air Force bases worldwide.

total force Integration of Guard, Reserve and active-duty components.

touch-and-go (n., adj.) *The pilot performed a touch and go. Student pilots practice touch-and-go landings.*

traffic management office Office that helps people who are being reassigned to ship household goods and vehicles. *TMO* is acceptable on second reference.

triad The three legs of the nuclear deterrent force: manned bombers, ICBMs and submarine-launched ballistic missiles. *Triad* is not an acronym.

TRICARE A military health care program with three options: TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard. For retirees on Medicare, there is TRICARE for Life. Despite the fact that it is not an acronym, officials filed the word with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office which has allowed them to require the word be used in

the upper-case format (“without variation”). It will always appear as TRICARE.

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U V

UCMJ Acceptable on second reference for *Uniform Code of Military Justice*.

undersecretary of the Air Force

Undersecretary is one word. Capitalize when used before a name. USecAF is acceptable on second reference.

unit designations Lowercase references to agencies unless the entire title is used: *public affairs office; Tech. Sgt. Dick Smith, the NCO in charge of the public affairs office; 37th Training Wing Public Affairs Office*. On second reference to a unit, use the numerical designation alone if it is the only unit with that designation in the story: *the 18th Aggressor Squadron* on first reference, *the 18th AS* thereafter.

U.S. Air Force Academy A direct reporting unit. *Academy* is acceptable on second reference. Like Airman, upper-case Academy in all uses.

Valor Uppercase when used with a medal, as in Bronze Star with Valor

VMPF Acceptable on second reference for the *Virtual Military Personnel Flight*.

W X Y Z

war Capitalize when used as part of the name for a specific war: *the Civil War, the Cold War, the War of 1812, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War*, etc.

See **operation** entry.

warfighter (n.), **warfighting** (adj.)

war game (n.), **war-game** (v.)

war on terrorism *GWOT* or Global War on Terror should not be used.

Warsaw Pact No longer exists. There were seven Warsaw Pact nations: the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Romania.

Washington, D.C. Datelines will just use Washington.

Web words: World Wide Web, Web page, but webcast, webcam, webmaster and website.

wing Capitalized when used with a number to designate a particular wing: *She works at the 314th Airlift Wing. She works at the wing.*

See **flight**, **group** and **squadron** entries.

Zulu Communications code word for the letter Z. Used by aviators in reference to Greenwich Mean Time — mean solar time of the Greenwich meridian used as the basis of standard time throughout the world. Sometimes referred to as *universal time*.

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Note: For all aircraft, upon first reference, always use the letter-number designation AND the official name of the aircraft, e.g. B-52 Stratofortress. You will need to add it parenthetically in quotes if not included by the speaker.

A-10 Thunderbolt II Do not use informal “warthog.” A-10 and Thunderbolt are both acceptable on second reference

AC-130H Spectre, AC-130U *AC-130 Gunship* is incorrect: *gunship* is a generic term used like *fighter* and *bomber*.

B-1B Lancer B-1B or Lancer is acceptable on second reference.

B-2 Spirit B-2 or Spirit is acceptable on second reference.

B-52 Stratofortress B-52 or Stratofortress is acceptable on second reference. BUFF or other nicknames will not be used.

C-130 Hercules The latest model is the C-130J Super Hercules; E and H models remain in the inventory. C-130 or Hercules is acceptable on second reference. See also **AC-130**, **EC-130**, **HC-130**, **MC-130** and **WC-130**.

C-17 Globemaster III C-17 or Globemaster is acceptable on second reference.

C-20 No official name, it is the military version of the Gulfstream III.

C-21 No official name, it is the military version of the Lear Jet 35A.

C-32 No official name, it is a specially configured version of the Boeing 757-200 airliner.

C-37A No official name, it is the military version of the Gulfstream V.

C-40B/C No official name, it is the military version of the Boeing 737-700.

C-5 Galaxy C-5 or Galaxy is acceptable on second reference. The new C-5M is the Super Galaxy.

CV-22 Osprey *CV-22* or *Osprey* is acceptable on second reference.

E-3 Sentry A modified Boeing 707-320 used as an airborne warning and control system (AWACS) See **airborne warning and control system**.

E-4B A military version of the Boeing 747-200, the aircraft serves as the National Airborne Operations Center for national leaders in case of a national emergency or the destruction of ground command centers.

E-8C Joint STARS A modified Boeing 707 with an air-to-ground surveillance system designed to track ground targets in all weather conditions. *E-8C Joint STARS* is acceptable on first reference, but explain later that STARS stands for *Surveillance Target Attack Radar System*.

EA-6B Prowler A Navy electronic-attack aircraft that jams enemy radar, electronic data links and communications. It is flown by Navy and Air Force pilots in Navy squadrons.

EC-130H Compass Call A modified C-130 used to jam enemy command-and-control networks and suppress enemy air defenses.

EC-130J Commando Solo A modified C-130 that conducts information operations, psychological operations and civil affairs broadcasts in AM, FM, HF, TV and military communications bands.

F-15 Eagle F-15 or Eagle is acceptable on second and subsequent references. Acceptable for use with F-15C.

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F-15E Strike Eagle Not the same as the F-15. F-15E or Strike Eagle is acceptable on second ref.

F-16 Fighting Falcon Do not use informal “Viper.” F-16 or Fighting Falcon is acceptable on second reference.

F-16CJ Fighting Falcon A version of the F-16 dedicated to the suppression of enemy air defenses. F-16 or Fighting Falcon is acceptable on second reference.

F-117A Nighthawk F-117 or Nighthawk is acceptable on second reference. No longer in the inventory.

F-22 Raptor Don’t include “A” as in F-22A. F-22 or Raptor is acceptable on second reference.

F-35 Lightning II F-35, Lightning II, JSF acceptable on second reference. Don’t uppercase joint strike fighter.

Global Hawk (The RQ-4) Can be referred to as an unmanned aircraft (UA) or a remotely piloted aircraft (RPA).

HC-130P/N King A combat search and rescue version of the C-130 Hercules.

HH-60G Pave Hawk A highly modified version of the Army Black Hawk helicopter. HH-60G or Pave Hawk is acceptable on second reference. Also, it’s two words.

KC-10 Extender KC-10 or Extender is acceptable on second reference.

KC-135 Stratotanker KC-135 or Stratotanker is acceptable on second reference.

MC-130E Combat Talon I, MC-130H Combat Talon II Versions of the C-130 Hercules. The difference between the two types is computers and avionics.

MC-130P Combat Shadow A version of the C-130 Hercules.

MH-53J Pave Low III, MH-53M Pave Low IV A twin-turbine, heavy-lift helicopter used for special operations and combat rescue. The MH-53M Pave Low IV has advanced communications and avionics

MQ-1 Predator *Predator* alone is acceptable in all uses. It is part of a RPAS (remotely piloted aircraft system) which technically means a system including the aircraft, the ground-control system, the satellite link and personnel. For a quick reference to avoid confusion, MQ-1 horizontal stabilizers point down. Predator is acceptable in all references.

MQ-9 Reaper *Reaper* alone is acceptable in all uses. It is part of a RPAS (remotely piloted aircraft system) which technically means a system including the aircraft, the ground-control system, the satellite link and personnel. For a quick reference to avoid confusion, MQ-9 horizontal stabilizers point upward.

OC-135B Open Skies An observation aircraft that supports the Open Skies Treaty. The aircraft flies unarmed observation flights over participating parties of the treaty.

RC-135U Combat Sent Provides strategic electronic reconnaissance information to the president, secretary of defense, Defense Department of Defense and theater commanders.

RC-135V/W Rivet Joint Provides on-scene intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination capabilities.

Reaper Acceptable in all references to MQ-9 Reaper.

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RPA Remotely Piloted Aircraft. Generally refers to the MQ-1 Predator, MQ-9 Reaper and RQ-4 Global Hawk. UAS also is acceptable term when referring to the unmanned aircraft AND associated systems. Do not use UAV. Don't use "operator;" the aircraft is flown by an RPA pilot, but avoid "remotely piloted aircraft pilot" -- that's redundant.

RQ-4 Global Hawk Can be referred to as an unmanned aircraft (UA) or a remotely piloted aircraft (RPA).

T-1 Jayhawk T-1 or Jayhawk is acceptable on second reference.

T-6 Texan II T-6 or Texan II is acceptable on second reference.

T-37 Tweet T-37 or Tweet is acceptable on second reference. No longer in the Air Force inventory as July 31, 2009.

T-38 Talon T-38 or Talon is acceptable on second reference.

T-43A A military version of the Boeing 737 twin-engine jet used to train navigators. No longer in the AF inventory.

U-2 A single-seat, single-engine, high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft. Do not use Dragon Lady. Dragon Lady refers to a specific U-2 program.

UAS Unmanned aircraft system; use *unmanned aircraft* when referring to just the aircraft. UA acceptable on second ref. Used interchangeably with RPA. (See RPA)

UAV Outdated term, no longer used.

UH-1N Huey A light-lift utility helicopter used to support AFSPC missile wings and groups.

VC-25A Air Force One A modified version of the Boeing 747 that transports the president of the United States.

WC-130 Hercules Flown by the Hurricane Hunters flying weather reconnaissance missions. A derivative of the C-130 Hercules, it is flown exclusively by the 53rd Weather Recon Sq from Keesler AFB, Miss. The 53rd WRS is known as the Hurricane Hunters.

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U.S. Air Forces in Europe *USAFE* is acceptable on second reference.

U.S. Africa Command *AFRICOM* is acceptable on second reference.

U.S. Central Command *CENTCOM* is acceptable on second reference.

U.S. European Command *EUCOM* is acceptable on second reference.

U.S. Joint Forces Command *JFCOM* is acceptable on second reference.

U.S. Northern Command *NORTHCOM* is acceptable on second reference.

U.S. Pacific Command *PACOM* is acceptable on second reference.

U.S. Southern Command *SOUTHCOM* is acceptable on second reference.

U.S. Special Operations Command *SOCOM* is acceptable on second reference.

U.S. Strategic Command *STRATCOM* is acceptable on second reference.

U.S. Transportation Command *TRANSCOM* is acceptable on second reference.

Air Combat Command

ACC is acceptable on second reference. ACC's mission is to support global implementation of national security strategy. ACC operates fighter, bomber, reconnaissance, battle-management, and electronic-combat aircraft. It also provides command, control, communications and intelligence systems, and conducts global information operations.

Air Education and Training Command

AETC is acceptable on second reference. AETC recruits, trains and educates quality people for the aerospace force and the nation. Provides basic military training, initial and advanced technical training, flying training, and professional military and degree-granting

professional education. Conduct joint, medical service, readiness and Air Force security assistance training.

Air Force Global Strike Command

AFGSC is acceptable on second reference. AFGSC's mission is nuclear and conventional global strike, a key component of strategic deterrence. AFGSC aligns Intercontinental Ballistic Missile and dual-mission capable bomber forces under a single command, responsible for organizing, training and equipping ICBM forces, B-2 and B-52 bomber forces, and other deterrence capabilities to conduct operations in support of combatant commanders.

Air Force Materiel Command

AFMC is acceptable on second reference. AFMC develops, acquires and sustains aerospace power needed to defend the United States and its interests -- today and tomorrow. This is accomplished through management, research, acquisition, development, testing and maintenance of existing and future weapons systems and their components.

Air Force Reserve Command

AFRC is acceptable on second reference. AFRC provides citizen airmen to defend the United States and protect its interests through aerospace power.

Air Force Space Command

AFSPC is acceptable on second reference. AFSPC makes space reliable for the warfighter by continuously improving the command's ability to provide and support combat forces. AFSPC is comprised of more than 42,000 professionals assigned to 134 locations worldwide.

Air Force Special Operations Command

AFSOC is acceptable on second reference. AFSOC is America's specialized air power. The command provides combat search and rescue, agile combat support, information warfare, precision aerospace fires, psychological operations, specialized aerospace mobility and

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refueling to unified commands and delivers special operations power anytime, anywhere.

[Air Mobility Command](#)

AMC is acceptable on second reference. ACC provides airlift, air refueling, special air mission and aeromedical evacuation for U.S. forces. Supplies forces to theater commands to support wartime tasking.

[Air National Guard](#)

ANG is acceptable on second reference. ANG enforces federal authority, suppresses insurrection and defends the nation when mobilized by the president, Congress, or both. Units augment the Air Force by participating in operations and exercises worldwide by direction of the Air Staff, major commands or joint/unified commands.

[Pacific Air Forces](#)

PACAF is acceptable on second reference. PACAF provides ready air and space power to promote U.S. interests in the Asia-Pacific during peacetime, crisis and in war.

[U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa](#)

USAFE - AFAFRICA is acceptable on second reference. USAFE - AFAFRICA provides responsive forward presence and decisive air and space power. Plans, conducts, controls, coordinates and supports air and space operations to achieve U.S. and NATO objectives based on taskings assigned by the commander in chief, U.S. European Command.

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158th Fighter Wing, Vt.

- [158th Fighter Wing, Vermont Air National Guard](#)

187th Fighter Wing, Ala.

- [187th Fighter Wing](#)

501st Combat Support Wing, United Kingdom

- [501st Combat Support Wing](#)

Abraham Lincoln Captital Airport, Ill.

- [183rd Fighter Wing](#)

Air National Guard Base, Ky.

- [123rd Airlift Wing, Kentucky Air National Guard](#)

Al Udeid Air Base

- [U.S. Air Forces Central Command](#)

Al Udeid, Qatar

- [US Air Forces Central Command Band](#)

Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

- [Altus Air Force Base](#)
- [Secrets Declassified](#)

Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn.

- [Arnold Air Force Base & Arnold Engineering Development Complex](#)

Atlantic City International Airport, N.J.

- [177th Fighter Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard](#)

Aviano Air Base, Italy

- [Aviano Air Base](#)

Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan

- [Bagram Airfield](#)

Bangor Air National Guard Base, Maine

- [Maine Air National Guard](#)

Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

- [Barksdale Air Force Base](#)
- [Air Force Global Strike Command](#)
- [307th Bomb Wing](#)
- [8th Air Force](#)

Barnes Air National Guard Base, Mass.

- [104th Fighter Wing, Massachusetts Air National Guard](#)

Battle Creek, Mich.

- [110th Airlift Wing](#)

Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

- [940th Wing](#)
- [Beale Air Force Base](#)

Beightler Armory, Ohio

- [Ohio Air National Guard](#)

Berry Field, Tenn.

- [118th Wing, Tennessee Air National Guard](#)

Birmingham, Ala.

- [117th Air Refueling Wing](#)

Bradley Air National Guard Base, Conn.

- [103rd Airlift Wing](#)

Buckley Air Force Base, Colo.

- [Buckley Air Force Base](#)
- [140th Wing](#)
- [Air Reserve Personnel Center](#)

Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

- [Cannon Air Force Base](#)

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Channel Islands Air National Guard Station, Calif.

- [146th Airlift Wing, California Air National Guard](#)
- [Air National Guard Band of the Southwest](#)

Charlotte Douglas International Airport, N.C.

- [145th Airlift Wing](#)

Cheyenne Regional Airport, Wyo.

- [153rd Airlift Wing, Wyoming Air National Guard](#)

Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

- [Columbus Air Force Base](#)

Dannelly Field Air National Guard Base, Ala.

- [187th Fighter Wing, Alabama Air National Guard](#)

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

- [12th Air Force \(Air Forces Southern\)](#)
- [Davis-Monthan Air Force Base](#)

Defense Health Headquarters, Falls Church, Va.

- [Air Force Medical Service](#)

Des Moines, Iowa

- [132nd Fighter Wing](#)

Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

- [Dobbins Air Reserve Base](#)

Dover Air Force Base, Del.

- [512th Airlift Wing](#)
- [Dover Air Force Base home page](#)
- [Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations](#)

Duluth Air National Guard Base, Minn.

- [148th Fighter Wing](#)

Dyess Air Force Base, Texas

- [Dyess Air Force Base](#)

Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

- [Edwards Air Force Base](#)

Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

- [Eglin Air Force Base](#)

Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

- [Eielson Air Force Base](#)

Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, Texas

- [147th Reconnaissance Wing, Texas Air National Guard](#)

Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

- [28th Bomb Wing](#)

F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.

- [20th Air Force](#)
- [F.E. Warren Air Force Base](#)

Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

- [Fairchild Air Force Base](#)

Forbes Field Air National Guard Base, Kansas

- [190th Air Refueling Wing](#)

Fort Belvoir, Va.

- [Air Force Petroleum Agency](#)

Fort Indiantown Gap, Penn.

- [Air National Guard Band of the Mid-Atlantic](#)

Fort Smith, Ark.

- [Ebbing Air National Guard Base](#)

Fort Wayne, Ind.

- [122nd Fighter Wing, Indiana Air National Guard](#)

Fresno Air National Guard Base, California

- [144th Fighter Wing, California Air National Guard](#)

General Mitchell Air National Guard Base, Wis.

- [128th Air Refueling Wing](#)

Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas

- [Goodfellow Air Force Base](#)

Gowen Field Air National Guard Base, Idaho

- [124th Fighter Wing, Idaho Air National Guard](#)

Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

- [Grand Forks Air Force Base](#)

Great Falls, Mont.

- [120th Fighter Wing](#)

Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind.

- [Grissom Air Reserve Base](#)

Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, N.Y.

- [Hancock Field Air National Guard Base](#)

Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.

- [Hanscom Air Force Base](#)

Hector Field, N.D.

- [119th Wing](#)

Hill Air Force Base, Utah

- [388th Fighter Wing](#)
- [Hill Air Force Base](#)
- [419th Fighter Wing](#)

Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

- [Holloman Air Force Base](#)

Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla.

- [Homestead Air Reserve Base](#)

Horsham Air Guard Station, Penn.

- [111th Fighter Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard](#)

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- [Hurlburt Field](#)

Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

- [Incirlik Air Base](#)

Jacksonville, Fla.

- [Florida Air National Guard](#)

Joe Foss Field, S.D.

- [114th Fighter Wing](#)

Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, District of Columbia

- [USAF Honor Guard](#)
- [The United States Air Force Band](#)
- [Air Force Historical Studies Office](#)

Joint Base Andrews, Md.

- [Air Force Audit Agency](#)
- [145th Airlift Wing](#)
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- [79th Medical Wing](#)
- [Joint Base Andrews](#)
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Joint Base Charleston, S.C.

- [315th Airlift Wing](#)
- [Joint Base Charleston](#)

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

- [176th Wing](#)
- [Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson](#)

Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.

- [Joint Base Langley Eustis](#)
- [U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band](#)
- [192nd Fighter Wing](#)

Joint Base Langley–Eustis, Va.

- [Air Combat Command](#)

Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

- [446th Airlift Wing](#)
- [62nd Airlift Wing](#)
- [62nd Airlift Wing](#)

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

- [108th Wing](#)
- [Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst](#)
- [U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center](#)
- [514th Air Mobility Wing](#)

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

- [U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Hawaii](#)
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Joint Base San Antonio, Texas

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- [Air Force Civil Engineer Center](#)

Joint Forces Headquarters, Calif.

- [California Air National Guard](#)

Kadena Air Base, Japan

- [353rd Special Operations Group](#)
- [Kadena Air Base](#)

Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan

- [Kandahar Airfield](#)

Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

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- [Keesler Air Force Base](#)

Key Field Air National Guard Base, Miss.

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Kingsley Field, Ore.

- [173rd Fighter Wing, Oregon Air National Guard](#)

Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

- [Air Force Inspection Agency](#)
- [377th Air Base Wing](#)
- [150th Fighter Wing](#)
- [Air Force Safety Center](#)
- [Air Force Research Laboratory](#)
- [Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center](#)

Kunsan Air Base, South Korea

- [Kunsan Air Base](#)

Combatant and major commands

Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal

- [Lajes Link](#)

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas

- [Laughlin Air Force Base](#)

Lincoln Municipal Airport, Neb.

- [155th Air Refueling Wing](#)

Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

- [189th Airlift Wing](#)

Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.

- [Los Angeles Air Force Base](#)

Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

- [Luke Air Force Base](#)
- [944th Fighter Wing](#)

MacDill Air Force Base

- [MacDill](#)

MacDill Air Force Base, Florida

- [927th Air Refueling Wing](#)

Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.

- [Malmstrom Air Force Base](#)

Mansfield, Ohio

- [179th Airlift Wing, Ohio Air National Guard](#)

March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

- [163rd Reconnaissance Wing Official Website](#)

Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

- [Maxwell Air Force Base](#)
- [Air Force Historical Research Agency](#)
- [Air Force NetCents](#)
- [908th Airlift Wing](#)

McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas

- [931st Air Refueling Group](#)
- [McConnell Air Force Base](#)

McEntire Joint National Guard Base, S.C.

- [South Carolina Air National Guard](#)

McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn.

- [134th Air Refueling Wing](#)
- [U.S. Air Force Band of the Smoky Mountains](#)
- [The I.G. Brown Training and Education Center](#)

Memphis Air National Guard Base, Tenn.

- [164th Airlift Wing](#)

Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station, Minn.

- [Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve Station](#)

Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

- [Minot Air Force Base](#)

Misawa Air Base, Japan

- [Misawa Air Base](#)

Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif.

- [129th Rescue Wing, California Air National Guard](#)

Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

- [Moody Air Force Base](#)

Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho

- [Mountain Home Air Force Base](#)

National Guard Bureau, Va.

- [National Guard Counterdrug Program](#)

Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas

- [Air National Guard Band of the Gulf Coast](#)
- [136th Airlift Wing](#)
- [301st Fighter Wing](#)
- [Tenth Air Force - Power & Vigilance](#)

Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada

- [Nellis Air Force Base](#)
- [926th Group](#)
- [Creech Air Force Base](#)

New Castle Air National Guard Base, Del.

- [166th Airlift Wing, Delaware Air National Guard](#)

Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, N.Y.

- [Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station](#)
- [107th Airlift Wing](#)

North Highlands Air National Guard Station, Calif.

- [162d Combat Communications Group](#)

Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

- [Offutt Air Force Base](#)
- [U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band](#)
- [Air Force Weather Observer](#)

Orlando, Florida

- [Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation](#)

Osan Air Base, South Korea

- [7th Air Force](#)

Otis Air National Guard Base, Mass.

- [102nd Intelligence Wing](#)

Papago Military Reservation, Ariz.

- [Arizona Air National Guard](#)

Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

- [Patrick Air Force Base](#)
- [920th Rescue Wing](#)

Pease Air National Guard Base, N.H.

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- [157th Air Refueling Wing](#)
Peoria, Ill.
- [Air National Guard Band of the Midwest](#)
- [182nd Airlift Wing](#)
Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
- [U.S. Northern Command](#)
- [U.S. Air Force Academy Band](#)
- [Peterson Air Force Base](#)
- [North American Aerospace Defense Command](#)
- [302nd Airlift Wing](#)
- [Air Force Space Command](#)
Phoenix Sky Harbor Air National Guard Base, Ariz.
- [161st Air Refueling Wing](#)
Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, Penn.
- [Pittsburgh IAP Air Reserve Station](#)
- [171st Air Refueling Wing](#)
Pope Army Airfield, N.C.
- [Pope Field](#)
Portland Air National Guard Base, Ore.
- [142nd Fighter Wing](#)
Quantico, Va.
- [Air Force Office of Special Investigations](#)
Quonset Air National Guard Base, R.I.
- [143rd Airlift Wing, Rhode Island Air National Guard](#)
Ramstein Air Base, Germany
- [U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band](#)
- [U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa](#)
- [Ramstein Air Base, Germany](#)
Reno Air National Guard Base, Nev.
- [152nd Airlift Wing](#)
Rickenbacker International Airport, Ohio
- [121st Air Refueling Wing](#)
Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
- [Robins Air Force Base](#)
- [116th Air Control Wing](#)
- [Citizen Airman Magazine](#)
- [Air Force Reserve Command](#)
Rome, N.Y.
- [Eastern Air Defense Sector](#)
Rosecrans Air National Guard Base, Miss.
- [139th Airlift Wing, Missouri Air National Guard](#)
Royal Air Force Station Lakenheath, United Kingdom
- [Royal Air Force Station Lakenheath](#)
Royal Air Force Station Mildenhall, United Kingdom
- [Royal Air Force Mildenhall](#)
Savannah Air National Guard Base, Ga.
- [165th Airlift Wing, Georgia Air National Guard](#)
Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.
- [Schriever Air Force Base](#)
- [310th Space Wing](#)
Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
- [Scott Air Force Base](#)
- [Air Force Network Integration Center](#)
- [U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America](#)
- [Air Mobility Command](#)
- [932nd Airlift Wing](#)
- [618th Air and Space Operations Center \(Tanker Airlift Control Center\)](#)
- [126th Air Refueling Wing](#)
Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan
- [127th Wing](#)
Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina
- [Seymour Johnson Air Force Base](#)
- [916th Air Refueling Wing](#)
Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.
- [9th Air Force](#)
Shepherd Field, W.V.
- [167th Airlift Wing](#)
Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
- [Sheppard Air Force Base](#)
- [Sheppard Air Force Base Force Support Squadron](#)
Sioux City Air National Guard Base, Iowa
- [185th Air Refueling Wing](#)
Southwest Asia
- [379th Air Expeditionary Wing](#)
- [380th Air Expeditionary Wing](#)
Southwest Asia
- [386th Air Expeditionary Wing](#)
Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
- [Spangdahlem Air Base](#)
Stewart Air National Guard Base, N.Y.
- [105th Airlift Wing, New York Air National Guard](#)
Stout Field, Ind.
- [Indiana National Guard](#)
Stratton Air National Guard Base, N.Y.
- [109th Airlift Wing](#)
Swanton Air National Guard Base, Ohio
- [180th Fighter Wing](#)

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The Pentagon, Va.

- [Air Force Bands Program](#)
- [Air Force General Counsel](#)
- [AF Installations, Environment and Logistics](#)
- [Air Force Housing](#)
- [Air Force Financial Management & Comptroller](#)
- [Air National Guard](#)
- [Secretary of the Air Force - Acquisition](#)
- [AF CIO A6 Information Dominance](#)
- [Air Force Judge Advocate General](#)
- [U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board](#)
- [Air Force Contracting](#)
- [Air Force Freedom of Information Act](#)

The Pentagon, Va.

- [SAF/SP - DoD Executive Agent for Space Staff](#)

Thompson Field, Miss.

- [172d Airlift Wing](#)

Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

- [552nd Air Control Wing](#)
- [507th Air Refueling Wing Site](#)
- [507th Air Refueling Wing](#)
- [Air Force Sustainment Center](#)
- [Tinker Air Force Base](#)

Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyzstan

- [Transit Center at Manas](#)

Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

- [U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West](#)
- [349th Air Mobility Wing](#)
- [Travis Air Force Base](#)

Truax Field, Wis.

- [115th Fighter Wing](#)

Tucson International Airport, Ariz.

- [162nd Fighter Wing](#)

Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

- [Tyndall Air Force Base](#)
- [Air Force Be Ready](#)
- [1st Air Force](#)

U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.

- [U.S. Air Force Academy](#)

Vance Air Force Base, Okla.

- [Vance Air Force Base](#)

Volk Field Air National Guard Base, Wis.

- [Volk Field Air National Guard Base](#)

Warfield Air National Guard Base, Md.

- [Maryland Air National Guard](#)

Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.

- [Westover Air Reserve Base](#)

Whiteman Air Force Base, Miss.

- [Whiteman Air Force Base](#)
- [131st Bomb Wing, Missouri Air National Guard](#)

Will Rogers Air National Guard Base, Okla.

- [137th Air Refueling Wing](#)

Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

- [Medical Flight Standards Branch](#)

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

- [Air Force Refractory Surgery Program](#)
- [Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Medical Group](#)
- [U.S. Air Force Band of Flight](#)
- [National Museum of the U.S. Air Force](#)
- [Materials & Manufacturing Directorate](#)
- [Air Force Materiel Command](#)
- [Wright-Patterson Air Force Base](#)
- [445th Airlift Wing](#)

Yokota Air Base, Japan

- [U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Asia](#)
- [Yokota Air Base](#)

Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio

- [Youngstown Air Reserve Station](#)