



# AIR NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER (ANGRC)



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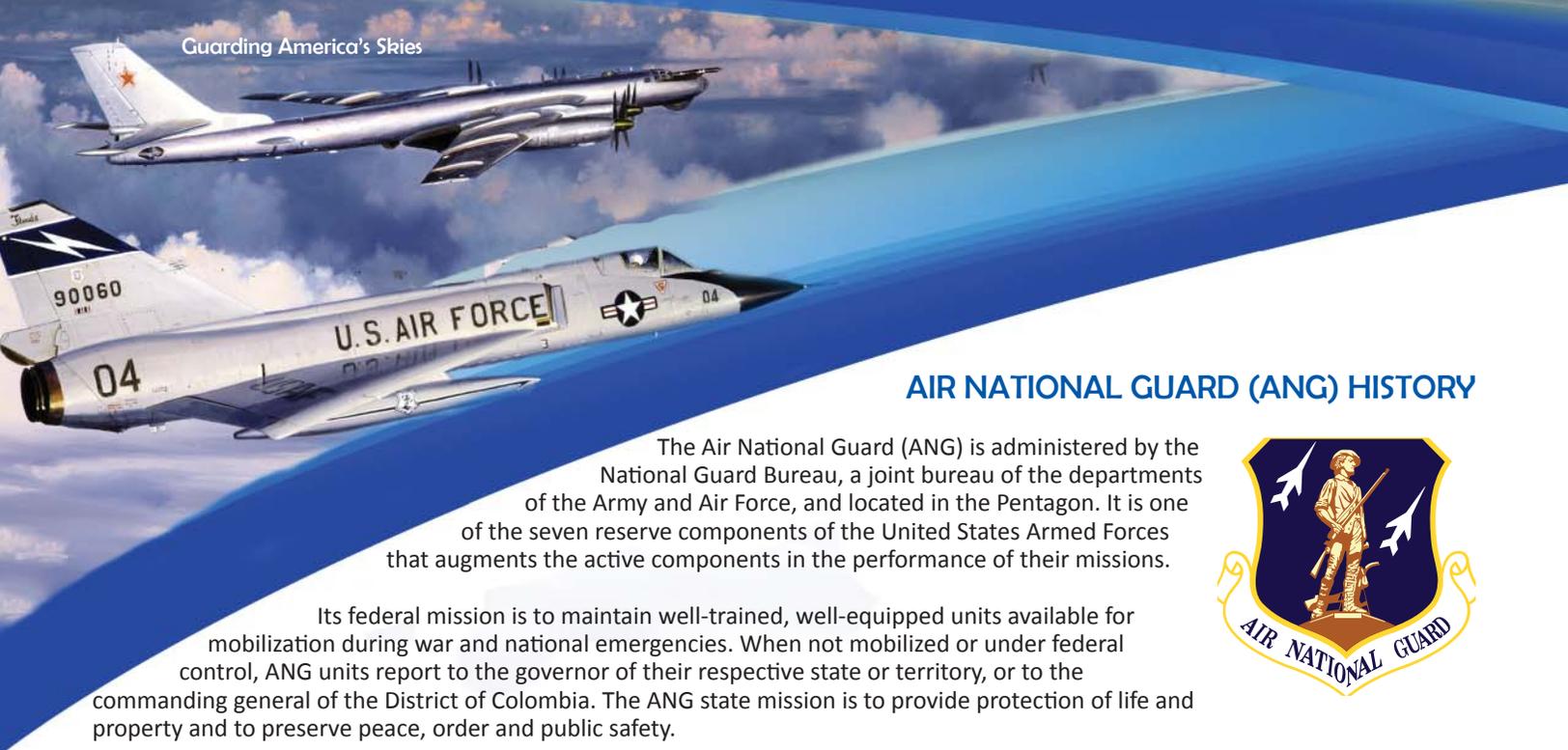
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## AIR NATIONAL GUARD (ANG) HISTORY

The Air National Guard (ANG) is administered by the National Guard Bureau, a joint bureau of the departments of the Army and Air Force, and located in the Pentagon. It is one of the seven reserve components of the United States Armed Forces that augments the active components in the performance of their missions.



Its federal mission is to maintain well-trained, well-equipped units available for mobilization during war and national emergencies. When not mobilized or under federal control, ANG units report to the governor of their respective state or territory, or to the commanding general of the District of Columbia. The ANG state mission is to provide protection of life and property and to preserve peace, order and public safety.

National Guard Airmen have been assisting state civil authorities in floods and other natural disasters since the early 1920s. Today, while Guardsmen participate around the world in global Air Force operations, at home, ANG citizen airmen engage in missions supporting civil authorities. They fight forest fires, feed cattle during blizzards, conduct hurricane relief operations, and assist the Customs and Border Patrol. They have even protected Santa Claus as he made his rounds on Christmas Eve!

## AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING EXCELLENCE AWARD

1 Oct 85 – 30 Sep 87 / 1 May 93 – 30 Apr 95 / 1 May 95 – 30 Apr 97 / 1 May 97 – 30 Apr 99 / 1 Jul 05 – 1 Jun 07

## LINEAGE AND HONORS

**LINEAGE:** The Air National Guard Readiness Center was constituted on 10 May 1976 as a direct reporting unit and assigned to the United States Air Force for activation on 1 Jun 1976 at Andrews AFB, MD. On 5 Feb 1991, the organization was converted to a field operating agency of the United States Air Force, with technical direction and guidance from the Director, Air National Guard. On 1 Jun 1992, the Air National Guard Support Center was re-designated as the Air National Guard Readiness Center.

**STATIONS:** Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland.

**ASSIGNMENTS:** United States Air Force.

### COMMANDERS:

Brig Gen R. Scott Williams	5 Aug 2012	Col Mark Sheehan	3 Jun 2012
Brig Gen Brian G. Neal	16 Aug 2010	Col Michael J. McDonald	27 Jul 2009
Col G. Kevin Thompson	8 Jun 2009	Brig Gen Joseph L. Lengyel	10 Oct 2006
Col Michael E. Hillestad	21 Dec 2004	Brig Gen David A. Brubaker	16 Nov 2001
Maj Gen Paul A. Weaver, Jr.	18 May 2001	Brig Gen Craig R. McKinley	28 Jan 1998
Brig Gen Paul A. Weaver, Jr.	25 Oct 1996	Maj Gen Donald W. Shepperd	17 Apr 1995
Brig. Gen. Larry K. Arnold	4 Dec 1989	Maj Gen Philip G. Killey	1 Nov 1988
Maj Gen John B. Conaway	1 Apr 1981	Maj Gen John T. Guice	21 Oct 1976

### UNITS ASSIGNED:

201st Mission Support Squadron, Andrews AFB, Maryland  
 Detachment 10, IG Brown Air National Guard Training & Education Center (ANGTEC), McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tennessee  
 Detachment 11, Air National Guard-Air Force Reserve Test Center (AATC), Tucson ANGB, Arizona  
 Detachment 12, Academy of Military Science-Maxwell AFB, Alabama  
 Detachment 13, Lakenheath Air Base, United Kingdom  
 Detachment 14, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
 Detachment 15, Luis Munoz Martin, Puerto Rico

Off the Coast of Long Island,  
December 27, 1979



units assigned (continued)

Detachment 16, Tamuning, Guam  
Detachment 17, Topeka, Kansas  
Detachment 18, Peterson AFB, Colorado  
Detachment 19, Colchester, Vermont  
Detachment 20, McGhee Tyson, Tennessee  
Detachment 21, McGhee Tyson, Tennessee  
Detachment 22, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma  
Detachment 23, Pope AFB, North Carolina  
Detachment 24, Randolph AFB, Texas  
Detachment 25, Des Moines ANGB, Iowa  
Detachment 26, McConnell AFB, Kansas  
Detachment 27, Arlington, Virginia  
Detachment 28, Arlington, Virginia  
Detachment 29, Norfolk, Virginia  
Detachment 30, Mesa, Arizona  
Detachment 30, Randolph AFB, Texas  
Detachment 33, Dyess AFB, Texas  
Detachment 34, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina  
Detachment 35, Lincoln RTC, Nebraska  
Detachment 36, Camp H M Smith, Hawaii  
Detachment 37, Fort George Meade, Maryland  
Detachment 38, San Diego, California



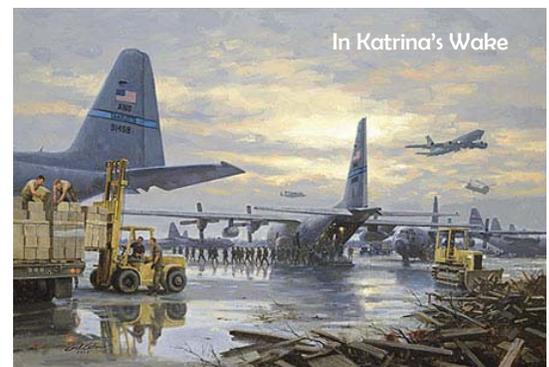
## UNIT EMBLEM

Blue and yellow are Air Force colors. 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 minuteman with musket and plow epitomizes the citizen soldier and his readiness to defend his country at a moment's notice since 1636. The minuteman stands between two flight symbols which represent today's modern weapon systems that are used by the Air National Guard. He appears in front of the globe indicating the Center's responsibility for readiness, training, and operations of Air National Guard personnel in worldwide exercises, natural disasters, counter-drug activities, community projects, and foreign policy conflicts. *Emblem approved 12 Sep 94.*

## AIR NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER (ANGRC)

The Air National Guard Readiness Center (ANGRC) is based at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. Its mission is to ensure the combat readiness of Air National Guard units and act as a liaison between the National Guard Bureau (NGB) and the individual states and territories on Air National Guard operational activities. The ANGRC also provides service and support to the Air National Guard to help accomplish its total Air Force mission.

The Support Center traces its roots to the Vietnam War, during which time the Air Guard provided airlift support to American forces in Southeast Asia. The NGB was responsible for coordinating these operations, but beginning in 1964, periodically tasked the command post of the 118th Military Airlift Wing at Berry Field in Tennessee to manage large scale domestic airlifts, overseas training flights and Military Assistance Command channel missions to Southeast Asia. This facility became known as the ANG Airlift Operations Center (AOC), and in May 1968 began round the clock operations. By 1972, growing global Air Guard responsibilities led to a proposal to transform the ANG Airlift AOC into an Air Operations Center and move to Edgewood Arsenal, north of Baltimore, Maryland. Known as the ANG Field Support Facility, it opened in 1974, but because it was too far removed from the Pentagon, was later moved to Andrews AFB.





Mission Over Normandy

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To separate operational activities from National Guard Bureau (NGB) staff functions, the ANG Support Center was created on 21 October 1976 at Andrews AFB, Maryland as a named activity under the control of the Director, ANG (DANG). On 1 June 1979, the center was inactivated as a named activity and concurrently constituted as a direct reporting unit assigned to the U.S. Air Force. The DANG was designated as having a dual position, one in the Air Staff and the other as Commander, ANG Support Center. On 1 June 1992, the ANG Support Center was re-designated as the Air National Guard Readiness Center.

The ANGRC is comprised of two buildings, Shepperd Hall and Conaway Hall. Shepperd Hall is named after former ANG Director, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Donald Shepperd. Conaway Hall is dedicated to retired Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway, former NGB Chief and Director, Air National Guard. Shepperd Hall is the newest of the two buildings, breaking ground in late 2007 and opening in September 2010. The \$52 million project houses administrative offices and a fitness center for more than 1,000 military, civilian, and contract employees.

### ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE MARYLAND



Shepperd Hall

Andrews AFB dates back to the Civil War, when Union troops occupied the small church today known as Chapel Two, and using it for a headquarters. In August 1942, President Roosevelt ordered the War Department to acquire that same land to build a military airfield. The first permanent unit, the 463rd Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, arrived in April 1943 with 105 enlisted men and 5 officers. Then known as Camp Springs Army Air Field, the base became operational on 2 May 1943 with a mission of training fighter pilots for overseas combat duty.

In 1945, the base became Andrews Field when it was dedicated to Lt Gen Frank M. Andrews, a founding father of the Air Force who died in an airplane crash on 3 May 1943. When the Air Force became a separate service in 1947, Andrews Field became Andrews Air Force Base.

Andrews AFB has served as headquarters for Continental Air Command, Strategic Air Command, and the Military Air Transport Service, as well as for the Air Research and Development Command and its successor, the Air Force Systems Command. It is best known, however, for its special air mission, transporting senior government and military leaders. On 24 November 1946, President Harry S Truman was the first to fly a presidential flight from the base. Today, the 89th Airlift Wing, known as "the President's Wing," is the elite Air Mobility Command wing for transporting dignitaries around the world. The base is most famously known, of course, as the home of Air Force One.

Andrews AFB and the Naval Air Facility Washington became a joint base on 1 October 2009, and today, Andrews AFB is known as Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility Washington, or Joint Base Andrews. Its host wing is the 11th Wing, known as the "Chief's Own" wing.