

Who is the Air National Guard?

The ANG, like the RegAF, is composed of dedicated, professional men and women, Airmen sworn to defend their country. But, unlike the RegAF, 69,867 of the ANG's 106,700 Airmen, or 65%, have full-time jobs in their local communities. These part-time professional Airmen, or "Traditionals," have civilian careers but

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spend weekends and evenings training and practicing the Air Force specialties, including nearly every job in the RegAF – medical, civil engineers, security forces, chaplains, lawyers, transportation specialists, logistics, maintenance, intelligence, space operations, cyberspace defense, administration, and aviation.

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Features and Information you'll find include:

- A search-by-state function
 - Local information based on your hometown
 - Exceptional Family Member Program
 - Relocation Assistance Program
 - Child and Youth Symposium -- National event that focuses on children and young adults
 - Community Outreach Initiatives
 - Community Partners such as the American Legion, etc.
 - Family Readiness
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Simply put, the Air National Guard (ANG) is both a reserve component of the US Air Force and the air force component of the National Guard. But the full answer is much more complex.

As a reserve component of the US Air Force, the ANG, together with its sister air reserve component, the Air Force Reserve, is charged under Title 10, US Code, "to provide trained units and qualified persons available for active duty in the armed forces, in time of war or national emergency, and at such other times as the national security may require, to fill the needs of the armed forces whenever more units and persons are needed than are in the regular components."



The ANG, when called to federal service, integrates seamlessly into the Total Air Force and is subject to the same laws and command structure as the Regular Air Force (RegAF). When in federal service, often called "Title 10 service," the ANG serves under the President of the United States as its Commander in Chief.

As the air force component of the National Guard, the ANG serves the governors of the 54 states and territories. Under state laws, the ANG is under the individual governors and is charged with protecting life and property.



Guarding America

Throughout most of our history, Americans have relied on citizen-soldiers of the militia to defend us from foreign enemies and respond to domestic threats. Since the earliest days of flight, members of the National Guard have provided support through aviation to Americans in need. ANG aircraft and personnel are most often the first military responding to man-made or natural disasters.

Otis Air National Guard Base F-15s were the first to respond to the threat of terrorist-controlled aircraft on 9/11. Today, approximately 16,000 Air Guard members are monitoring radar scopes, sitting aircraft alert, and maintaining systems defending US airspace.

When Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck the US Gulf Coast, the ANG responded with the largest and most rapid humanitarian airlift in US history. This year already, the ANG has been called to aid Americans threatened by tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes, and wildfires, providing medical support, communications, security, and search & rescue.

This is an example from August 2008 of ANG domestic operations:

Mission	Personnel
Key Infrastructure Protection	40
Law Enforcement Assistance	52
Counter Drug Operations	762
Airborne Firefighting	181
Assisting US Border Patrol	28
Local Response Exercises	63
Tropical Storm/Hurricane Operations	829
Political Convention Support	322

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Defending Freedom

The ANG is an integral and vital part of US global security operations. Currently, 7,343 men and women of the ANG serve in every theater of operation, on every continent, including Antarctica. Air Guard members perform more than just flight operation, they also provide many other critical skills in areas such as medical, security forces, finance, transportation, services, law, chaplaincy, etc.

Mission	ANG Contributions
Fighter/Attack	34.3%
Reconnaissance /C31	6.4%
Air Refueling	35.7%
Airlift	32.3%
Search & Rescue	22.4%
US Air Defense	94.1%

*Does not include unmanned systems operated by ANG

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