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180TH FIGHTER WING

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

MISSION CAPABLE | MISSION READY





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2019 HIGHLIGHTS



3 MAIN PRIORITIES

1. Execute the mission
2. Manage resources
3. Continuous organizational growth

Col. Michael DiDio
Commander

MISSION CAPABLE | MISSION READY

Throughout 2019, the Ohio National Guard's 180th Fighter Wing continued to demonstrate that it is mission capable and mission ready. Ready when called, to support the National Defense Strategy, Combatant Commanders and the homeland, anytime and anywhere.

While flying 2,600 sorties, totaling more than 4,000 flying hours, 360 Airmen and more than 180 tons of cargo were deployed to nine locations around the world. These deployments focused on enhancing mission readiness with state-side training exercises and providing combat support to world-wide contingency operations in Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

In January, more than 130 Stinger Airmen deployed to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, bringing with them 10 F-16 fighter jets and 83.19 tons of cargo to conduct Force Integration training with F-15 Eagles from the 104th Fighter Wing, Barnes Air National Guard Base, Massachusetts.

Flying Dissimilar Air Combat Training, Basic Fighter Maneuvers, Defensive Air Counter Tactics and Tactical Intercept missions during the two-week exercise, the wing logged more than 150 sorties, totaling more than 175 flying hours.

Leading the way in innovation, the wing launched a new capability with a new Modular Small Arms Range, qualifying 295 Airmen in 2019 on both the M4 and M9. The \$4.75 million dollar, self-contained shooting range boasts 9,000 square feet, 14 indoor firing lanes, bullet traps, HVAC and air handling systems. The

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

range is designed to accommodate standard NATO 5.6 and 7.62 mm ammunition, as well as 9mm handgun ammunition, allowing Airmen to train and meet readiness requirements.

Official ground breaking ceremonies, held in July, kicked off construction on the wing’s \$9 million aircraft hangars and the \$3.5 million Deployment Processing and Fitness Center.

The 29,000 square foot aircraft hangar will replace the four temporary canvas hangars, erected in 2008, supporting the wing’s NORAD Aerospace Control Alert and NORTHCOM Homeland Defense mission. The hangar is expected to be complete and fully operational in the winter of 2020.

The 11,000 square foot Deployment Processing and Fitness Center will be used to support joint staging, troop reception and forward deployment movement and integration in support of overseas and domestic military operations. Construction is scheduled to be complete in the summer of 2020.

The 180FW again partnered with the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority and the City of Toledo to host the 2019 Toledo Air Show, in July, bringing 10 performers, 35 military and civilian static display aircraft and more than 35,000 spectators to the Toledo Area.

The 180FW presented a STEM hangar during the show, bringing together three area STEM-based organizations, geared toward young air show spectators, in an effort to highlight U.S. Air Force STEM initiatives, encourage youth to increase technical abilities to better enable innovation, in turn, assuring technologically superior

warfighting capabilities through attracting, recruiting, developing and retaining a world-class STEM workforce.

Throughout the show week, the 180FW hosted three special events focused on sharing our passion for aviation with Northwest Ohio’s youth. First, a private viewing event for Make-A-Wish children and their families during the show’s rehearsal day. Our F-16 pilots made a surprise visit to Toledo Children’s Hospital to bring a little air show to our young fans unable to attend the show. Highlighting Women in Aviation, the 180FW’s first female F-16 pilot hosted a meet-and-greet with the show’s only female performer, in an effort to inspire women in aviation.

Traveling to the Last Frontier in September, more than 40 members of the wing trained alongside their active duty counterparts at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. Taking advantage of this unique two-week opportunity were members of the wing’s Medical Group, Command Post, Force Support Squadron, Vehicle Maintenance, Finance and Public Affairs sections.

One of our Stinger Airmen had the opportunity to be the first and only Airman to participate against 65 Soldiers in the Ohio National Guard Combatives Tournament, bringing home a silver medal in the middle-weight division in September. For the first time, in its 19-year history, the tournament opened its registration, allowing Airmen to compete in the 2019 hand-to-hand combat skills competition that took place in Columbus.

EMPLOYEES



TOTAL **1,136**

8.7% DIVERSE

\$106
MILLION
TOTAL
ECONOMIC
IMPACT



50
FACILITIES
135
ACRES



360 AIRMEN DEPLOYED

- 2 Afghanistan
- 42 Alaska
- 1 Antarctica
- 132 Florida
- 16 Georgia
- 2 Qatar
- 2 Serbia
- 1 South Korea
- 162 Utah

2,600+
SORTIES
4,000+
FLYING
HOURS



78%
MISSION
CAPABLE
RATE

AIRCRAFT
F-16CM
FIGHTING FALCON
BLOCK 42
MISSION
INTERDICTION
CLOSE AIR SUPPORT
AIR DEFENSE



Provide for America; protection of the homeland, effective combat power and defense support to civil authorities, while developing Airmen, supporting their families and serving in the community.



To defend freedom as the most lethal, innovative and efficient Fighter Wing in the Total Force.



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



2019 HIGHLIGHTS

In October, the wing was rated EFFECTIVE after successfully completing an Air Force-level Unit Effectiveness Inspection. A UEI is an external continual evaluation of the wing’s performance in four major graded areas, including managing resources, leading people, improving the unit and executing the mission.

The wing’s Aerospace Control Alert mission received the highest rating of MISSION READY after completing a NORAD Alert Forces Evaluation in October. The successful evaluation highlighted three major strength areas and zero findings or discrepancies. The AFE assesses the procedures and execution of the wing’s alert mission.

Also in October, 162 Stinger Airmen, nine jets and 97.2 tons of cargo deployed to Hill Air Force Base, Utah, to take part in Exercise Combat Hammer. The purpose of the two-week exercise was to evaluate the effectiveness, maintainability, suitability and accuracy of fighter munitions. Throughout the exercise, 109 sorties were flown, totaling more than 168 flying hours.

We closed out 2019 with an official change of command ceremony welcoming Col. Michael DiDio as the new commander of

the 180FW and celebrating outgoing commander, Col. Kevin Doyle as he transitioned to his new position as the Chief of Staff with the Indiana National Guard’s Joint Force Headquarters.

These accomplishments highlight just a few of the efforts and innovations made possible by our Airmen and our partnerships within the community.

The success of the 180FW is founded on the steadfast support and generosity of our local communities. We thank you for your continued trust and understanding, and we remain committed to preserving your respect.

It is with your unwavering support that the 180FW continues to successfully execute our mission. We are dedicated and ready to serve our communities, our state and this great nation. We will continue to provide for America, provide protection of the homeland, provide effective combat power and provide defense support to civil authorities.

STRATEGIC LOCATION

Located at the Toledo Express Airport in Northwest Ohio, the 180FW is positioned for future endeavors to include Total Force and joint-basing initiatives. As the U.S. transitions from more than 25 years of war into a world with an uncertain and changing future, the need for a joint, integrated military force will continue to be essential for success.

With nearly 60 percent of the U.S. population residing within a 600-mile radius of Toledo, including vital infrastructure, key centers of gravity and international airports, Northwest Ohio offers convenient access to a multi-modal transportation hub including an extensive interstate highway system, one of the most active railroad centers in the country and one of the largest seaports on the Great Lakes.

The Port of Toledo is an important industrial, commercial and transportation center for the north-central U.S.

BASE INFRASTRUCTURE

Situated on 135 acres, the 180FW base and infrastructure have been designed and constructed to support the current and future fighter aircraft needed for America's security and defense. The base is fully capable of supporting fighter aircraft operations and maintenance with little or no expansion.

The installation development plan has incorporated potential and future missions, while accommodating the current aircraft with minimal impact. In the event of future and joint missions, the base has the ability to accommodate additional functions within its existing footprint, but also has ample, suitable land available to expand.





FLYING MISSION

The 180FW has access to military operating airspace and air-to-ground gunnery ranges perfectly suited for the capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon. Both the Alpena airspace complex in Michigan and the Buckeye/Brushcreek airspace in Ohio, provide locations for supersonic, chaff/flare and electronic attack training with full radar ground control intercept (GCI) and Link-16 datalink capability. Furthermore, the temporary Stinger MOA utilized on an annual basis provides invaluable close-to-Toledo airspace for air combat basic training maneuvers and close air support tactics which increases training value by maximizing mission execution time and reducing latency costs.

In addition, the wing utilizes three aerial gunnery ranges approved for the employment of both precision-guided and ballistic munitions allowing the 180FW to remain proficient in advanced targeting pod tactics in the accomplishment of its air interdiction, close air support and air defense missions.

The Alpena complex features two Joint Threat Emitters that simulate adversary surface-to-air missile sites. This greatly enhances threat awareness training when coupled with the Sniper SE and Litening Gen4 advanced targeting pods and High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missile Targeting System.

Utilizing airspace and ranges that are geographically separated with diverse weather patterns provide significant flexibility in daily operations. This varied airspace frequently allows the wing to find favorable weather conditions when the opposite location experiences poor weather, further enhancing training opportunities while ensuring mission requirements are met.



OTHER MISSIONS

The 180FW Fire and Emergency Services Flight provides 24-hour joint emergency response for the Toledo Express Airport alongside the Lucas County Port Authority Public Safety Department. The flight also provides Defense Support to Civil Authorities, providing mutual aid to local area fire and emergency services. In 2019, the team responded to more than 400 mutual aid requests including 79 structural fires, 110 medical emergencies and more than 200 other support requests.

The 180FW Propulsion Element was the first to implement a Pratt and Whitney 229 and 220 engine contract field team, providing war-ready engines to Combat Commanders by rebuilding and testing 122 engines since 2009 in support of the Air Force and Air National Guard. These engines have been delivered to coalition partners and U.S. Air Force installations around the world.





ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

The 180FW currently maintains an operational 1.6 megawatt solar field that is planned to be expanded to approximately 1.9 Megawatts peak electrical capacity. Currently, the system produces nearly one-third of the installation's annual electrical requirements, in turn saving taxpayers an estimated \$200,000 each year. The solar field also reduces our dependence on coal by almost 600 tons in turn, avoiding 1,700 tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually. The most recent upgrades included the addition of 10 dual access tracking arrays, totaling approximately 35 kilo-watts.

In 2012, the 180FW became the first Air National Guard wing to fly routine training missions solely on bio-fuel as part of an Air Force testing plan to certify more than 40 aircraft models for bio-fuel use. Two 180FW aircraft were designated to test 100,000 gallons of bio-fuel as one of the final steps before taking the fuel main-stream and allowing the F-16 to use bio-fuel in unrestricted operations.

We have remained dedicated to the research, development and implementation of green energy programs at the base. Our sustainable energy projects have reduced our environmental footprint through a solar field, solar tracking arrays, roof mounted solar panels, bio-diesel and electric vehicles. Today, we are happy to report that it has achieved more than \$1.8 million in savings for the American taxpayer, minimizing our overall environmental impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

The 180FW is committed to conducting its mission in a responsible manner to protect human health, natural resources and the environment.

This commitment goes beyond simply complying with the law; it encompasses the integration of sound environmental information and practices into our daily decisions and activities. Our wing strives for full compliance with voluntary industry standards including International Standards Organization 14001 Environmental Management Systems. We continue to provide training on the Air Force Enterprise Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Management Information System, enhancing management, tracking and disposal of hazardous materials and waste, and universal wastes.

The Air Program Information Management System allows electronic record keeping for electrical generator usage, jet engine test cell usage, painting operations, above-ground storage tank inspections, refrigerant management and storm water management inspections, further ensuring the wing's compliance with Air Force, state and federal laws and regulations.

Our wing is continuing an investigation of the impacts of perfluorinated compounds found in fire-extinguishing agents and will continue monitoring wells and testing soil samples to determine the presence or absence of these compounds at the installation.

The 180FW strives to be good stewards toward the environment by leaving a smaller ecological footprint, conserving natural resources and energy, and taking responsibility for our choices. Our goal is pollution prevention by working to reduce the use and production of hazardous substances and by operating more efficiently.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

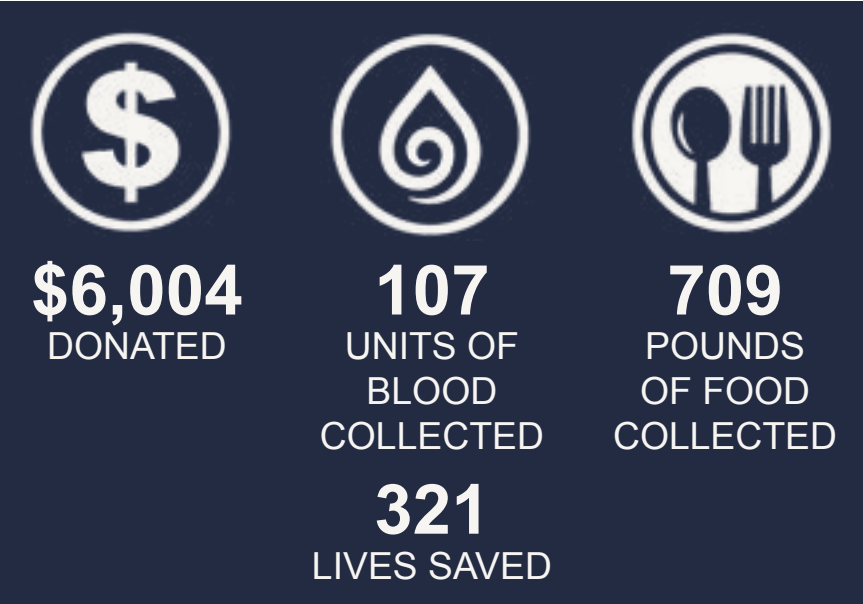
The Air National Guard is embedded in more than 3,000 communities across the country, the 180FW is committed to investing in the safety and quality of life for our communities. Building sustainable partnerships with the Northwest Ohio region means working to strengthen the relationships between the 180FW and the community to enhance morale, public trust and support.

During 2019, more than 100 of our Airmen participated in 60 community and educational events, engaging with nearly 50,000 community members throughout Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan.

Continuing our longstanding partnerships with the American Red Cross and the Toledo SeaGate Foodbank, the wing hosted multiple blood drives, collecting 107 units of blood, and donating \$6,004 and 709 pounds of food to the foodbank.

To date, our Airmen have donated more than 1,200 units of blood, 21,000 pounds of food and nearly \$79,000, to those in need, right here in our local community.

Our Airmen also partner with The Boy Scouts of America’s Erie Shores Council and five local-area universities to create and enhance mutually beneficial relationships between the 180FW and our local communities.



ECONOMIC IMPACT

During fiscal year 2019, the 180FW contributed more than \$106 million in both direct and indirect economic support to the overall economy.

More than \$42 million directly impacted the local economy through operational and construction expenses. More than \$63 million contributed to payroll expenses our civilian and military personnel. The remaining balance was spent on new construction projects, supplies, maintenance and repair of existing facilities, support contracts and general base operations. The purpose of the Economic Impact Statement is to provide a brief summary of the wing's organization and resources.

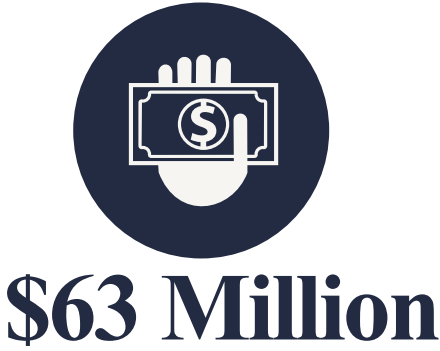
This statement will provide an account of the contributions to the local economy for Fiscal Year 2019, Oct. 1, 2018 through Sept. 30, 2019.

Only 1.4% of the Ohio National Guard budget comes from the State of Ohio, the rest comes from federal funding. This money is essential to the maintenance of our facilities and helps secure additional funds with a matching process from the federal government. The Ohio National Guard is a great deal, the annual state in-come tax revenue generated from the federal salaries of our traditional members and full-time employees offsets the amount of state funding we receive, meaning the ONG pays for itself!

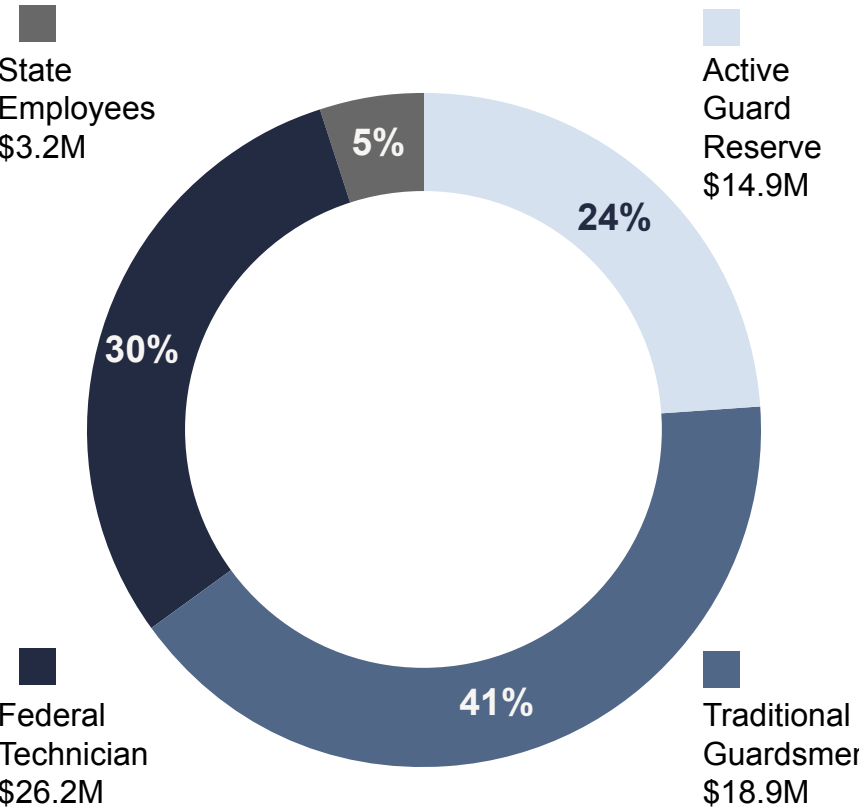
The Department of Defense contributes billions of dollars to state economies through the operation of military installations.

This spending helps sustain local communities by creating employment opportunities, both directly and indirectly. Military and civilian employees spend their military wages on goods and services produced locally, while pensions and other benefits provide retirees and dependents a reliable source of income.

States and communities also benefit from defense contracts with private companies for equipment, supplies, construction and various services such as health care and information technology.

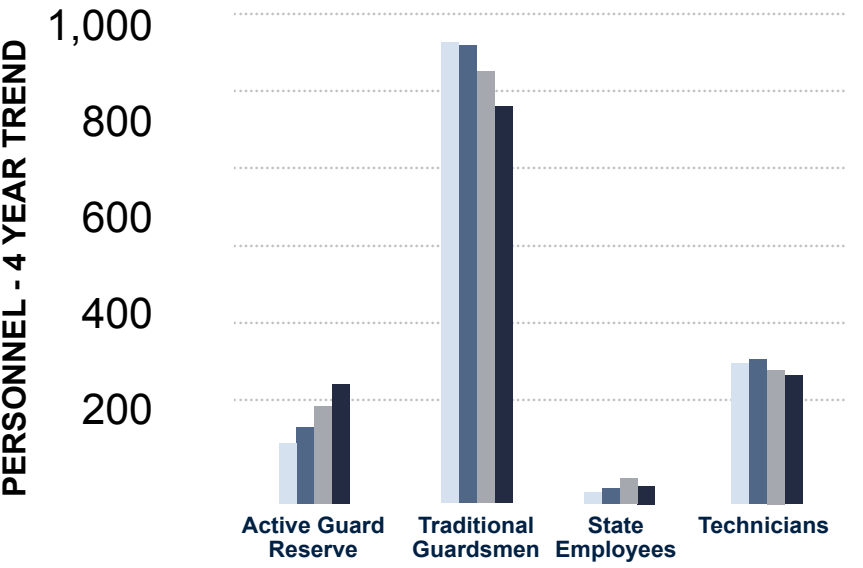
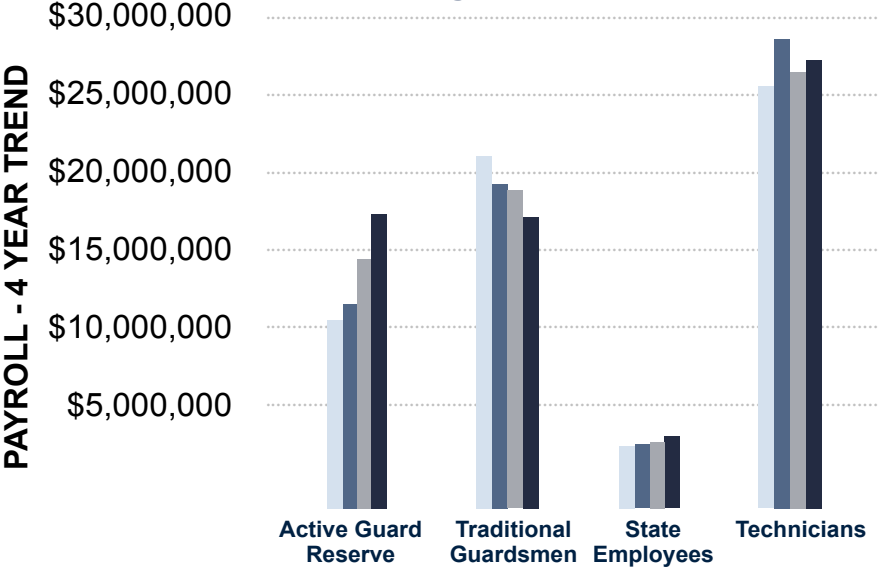


Personnel Classification	Number of Personnel	Payroll
Active Guard Reserve	235	\$14,932,000
Traditional Guardsmen	775	\$18,969,000
State Employees	39	\$3,242,000
Technicians	244	26,203,000
Total	1,293	\$63,346,000



ECONOMIC IMPACT

Payroll Classification



ECONOMIC IMPACT

Commodities

The 180FW boasts a 10,600 foot primary runway, more than 60,000 square yards of aircraft parking and ramp space and a fully renovated aircraft maintenance hangar with more than 63,700 square feet available for aircraft parking and maintenance.

In 2019, the wing broke ground on the two new facilities, including the \$9 million aircraft hangars and the \$3.5 million Deployment Processing and Fitness Center.

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Not only does the 180FW maintain more than 425,000 square feet of facilities, the wing is also situated on 135 acres of land with more than 200 acres available should expansion be required.

In addition to the main, 63,700 square foot, aircraft hangar, the wing is seeking funding to construct four additional aircraft shelters capable of meeting current aircraft and future requirements for other aircraft. A portion of those funds will be used for minor maintenance and upgrades to the main hangar.

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50
Facilities

425,000
Square Feet

135
Acres



180FW ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
- Aerospace Control Alert Unit of the Year
- Excellent Rating - 9th Air Force Standardization & Evaluation Inspection
- Excellent Rating - Operational Readiness Inspection
- Air National Guard Command Post of the Year
- Best Public Affairs Program | Ohio National Guard
- Best Wing News Publication | Ohio National Guard

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- Aerospace Control Alert Unit of the Year
- Chuck Smith Environmental, Safety & Occupational Health Award
- Air Force Reducing Energy Appreciation Award

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- Retention Manager of the Year | National Guard Bureau Region Five & Ohio National Guard

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- Mission Ready - 1st Air Force Alert Force Evaluation | Best seen-to-date & Benchmark Operations Identified
- Mission Ready - Alert Force Operational Assessment
- 99.6% Compliance Rating - Air Combat Command Combined Unit Inspection
- Excellent Rating - Logistics Compliance Assessment Program

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- Mission Ready - 1st Air Force Alert Force Evaluation | Best seen-to-date & Benchmark Operations Identified
- Mission Ready - Alert Force Operational Assessment
- Safety Office of the Year | Air National Guard
- First Sergeant of the Year | 1st Air Force
- 1st Place - Photojournalism | National Guard Media Awards

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- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award • Effective Rating | Air Combat Command Combined Unit Inspection | 29 Superior Performers & five Superior Performance Teams Identified
- Mission Ready - 1st Air Force Alert Force Evaluation | Best seen-to-date & Benchmark Operations Identified
- 3rd Place - Digital Publication | Air Force Media Awards
- 1st Place - Digital Publication | National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Layout & Design | National Guard Media Awards

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- Mission Support Group of the Year | National Guard Association of the U.S.
- Effective Rating | Air Combat Command Sortie Production Assessment
- 3rd Place - Military Photographer of the Year | National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Photo Story | National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Operational Documentation | National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Long-Form Video Production | National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Feature Article | National Guard Media Awards

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- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
- Excellent Mission Capable Rate | Air National Guard
- Mission Ready - 1st Air Force Alert Force Evaluation | Template for all ACA units to follow
- Mission Ready - Alert Force Operational Assessment
- Outstanding Individual Occupational Safety Award | Air National Guard
- 1st Place - Journalist of the Year | National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Training Video | National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Digital Art | National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Identity Design | National Guard Media Awards
- 3rd Place - Digital Publication | National Guard Media Awards
- 3rd Place - Training Video | Air Force Media Awards

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- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
- Excellent Mission Capable Rate | Air National Guard
- Mission Ready - 1st Air Force Alert Force Evaluation
- Mission Ready - Alert Force Operational Assessment
- Recruiting and Retention Manager of the Year | Ohio Air National Guard
- 1st Place - Journalist of the Year | National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Feature Story | National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Videographer of the Year | National Guard Media Awards

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- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
- Mission Ready - 1st Air Force Alert Force Evaluation
- Mission Ready - Alert Force Operational Assessment
- Effective Rating | Air Combat Command Combined Unit Inspection | 20 Superior Performers & three Superior Performance Teams Identified
- 1st Place - Military Writer of the Year | National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Feature Story | National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Photographer of the Year | National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Videographer of the Year | National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Video Spot | National Guard Media Awards
- Inspector General Gen. Flynn Award & Gen. Jones Award



The 180th Fighter Wing was formed in October 1995, but its origins stretch back to Aug. 18, 1917 when the 112th Aero Squadron was organized as a supply unit at Kelly Field in San Antonio, Texas. Later, in 1927, the 112th moved to the Cleveland Hopkins Airport, Ohio, where they became known as the 112th Observation Squadron, flying a wide range of aircraft throughout the late 1920s and 1930s including the PT-1, BT-1, the O-2 and the O-11.

In 1940, the unit was regrouped as the 112th Liaison Squadron. During that time, the 112th was activated in support of World War II and Lt. Col. Addison Baker, a B-24 Liberator pilot received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions during the raids on the oil fields at Ploesti, Romania. After the war, the unit was reorganized as the 112th Bombardment Squadron (Light), flying Douglas A-26 Invaders and activated at Lawson Field, Georgia, in support of the Korean Conflict in 1950. After the conflict ended, the unit returned to Ohio as an Air National Guard Fighter Bomber Squadron flying F-51 Mustangs at the Akron-Canton Airport.

Several more reorganizations and aircraft conversions took place over the next 20 years. The unit moved to Toledo as a Fighter Interceptor Squadron and converted to the F-84 E/F Thunderjet model aircraft in 1958. Then, the unit became the 112th Tactical Fighter Squadron in 1958 and was activated for the Berlin Crisis in 1961. The following year, the 112FS became part of the newly formed 180th Tactical Fighter Group. In 1970, the 180th TFG transitioned from the F-84 to the F-100 Super Sabre and then to the A-7 Corsair in 1979. In 1992, the 180th received its first F-16 Fighting Falcon just before

being renamed the 180th Fighter Wing in 1995.

Over the years, members of the 180FW and the 112FS have answered the call to duty, supporting several contingencies including Operation Just Cause in 1989, Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield in 1991. In 1994, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 unit members volunteered to enforce no-fly-zones over Iraq in support of Operation Provide Comfort, Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch.

Following the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001, unit members volunteered to support both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2005 and Operation Iraqi Freedom again in 2007 and 2008. In 2013, the wing deployed for the first time to Djibouti, Africa, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In 2016, the wing deployed more than 250 Airmen along with our F-16 fighter jets to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, to promote stability and security throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific region and safeguard our national interests abroad by providing influence and deterrence through force presence.

In early 2018, nearly 300 Airmen and 12 F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 180FW deployed to Amari Air Base, Estonia as part of a Theater Security Package, in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Flying as many as 60 missions per week, the Airmen of the 180FW helped build readiness, increase interoperability and enhance the bonds between ally and partner militaries with multinational training events, allowing for a faster response in the event of any aggression by a regional adversary against NATO sovereign territory.

180FW HISTORY

1917-2019

Always striving to improve the wing and the Air National Guard, the 180FW continually seeks out new missions. In 2006, the 180FW began the development of a 10-acre solar energy site.

Activated in October 2008, the Air Sovereignty Alert mission became the latest mission at the 180FW. Today, the mission is known as Aerospace Control Alert, after the mission underwent an official name change in July 2011, to more accurately depict the mission. Directly supporting Operation Noble Eagle, the 180FW aids in the protection of the continental U.S. and Canada under the direction of the North American Air Defense Command, or NORAD. Since the activation of the mission at the 180FW, ACA has responded to more than 340 events, totaling more than 750 flying hours in support of ONE.

The ACA team continues to excel at the nation's number one priority, our 24/7 mission, year after year, earning the highest possible "Mission Ready" NORAD Command inspection ratings for both Alert Forces Evaluations and Alert Forces Operational Assessments in 2009, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2019. The 180FW ACA was the first unit to ever win the 1st Air Force ACA Unit of the Year title, two consecutive years in a row, in 2010 and 2011.

Our ACA team has produced several 1st Air Force level individual award winners over the years, to include Pilot of the Year in 2011, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year in 2009, Noncommis-

sioned Officer of the Year in 2009 and 2011, Maintainer of the Year for 2010 and Command Post Controller of the Year in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Most recently a 180FW Airman was selected as the 1st Air Force First Sergeant of the Year for 2014. In 2015, a 180FW Airman was selected as the 2015 Security Forces Aerospace Control Alert Airman of the Year. In 2017, the team earned the Air National Guard Outstanding Individual Occupational Safety Award.

The team's continued excellence has earned them the full confidence of the continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region Commander when he stated "the 180FW is the benchmark for these operations." In the future, the 180FW and the 112FS will continue to be major contributors to the nation's air superiority.

In 2019, the 180FW deployed more than 360 Airmen and 180 tons of equipment to nine locations throughout the world to include: Afghanistan, Antarctica, Qatar, Serbia, South Korea, Alaska, Florida, Georgia and Utah.

Proving that the 180FW remains the first choice for the fight, our Stingers remained dedicated to enhancing their skills by conducting realistic training in realistic environments, guaranteeing the wing is always ready when called.





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