

All Wings Are Not Created Equal

Today's Air Force has 236 wings. The vast majority of them—213—are commanded by colonels. Only 23 are commanded by general officers. Although wings exist at the same organizational echelon, their size, scope of responsibility, and symbolic importance vary widely. For example, the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman AFB, Mo., controls only a few aircraft, but its 20 B-2 bombers form the entire nuclear-capable stealth-bomber fleet. Like the 509th BW,

most of the Stateside wings commanded by generals play essential one-of-a-kind roles. Overseas, a sizeable number of these wings have crucial combat missions, politically key locations, or historically strategic locations.

Air Force Wings Commanded by General Officers

Wing	Location	Commander
18th Wing	Kadena AB, Japan	Brig. Gen. Matthew H. Molloy
31st Fighter Wing	Aviano AB, Italy	Brig. Gen. Scott J. Zobrist
36th Wing	Andersen AFB, Guam	Brig. Gen. Steven D. Garland
45th Space Wing	Patrick AFB, Fla.	Brig. Gen. Anthony J. Cotton
56th Fighter Wing	Luke AFB, Ariz.	Brig. Gen. Jerry D. Harris Jr.
57th Wing	Nellis AFB, Nev.	Brig. Gen. Charles L. Moore Jr.
59th Medical Wing	JBSA-Lackland, Tex.	Maj. Gen. Byron C. Hepburn
79th Medical Wing	JB Andrews, Md	Maj. Gen. Gerard A. Caron
81st Training Wing	Keesler AFB, Miss.	Brig. Gen. Bradley D. Spacy
82nd Training Wing	Sheppard AFB, Tex.	Brig. Gen. Michael A. Fantini
86th Airlift Wing	Ramstein AB, Germany	Brig. Gen. Charles K. Hyde
96th Test Wing	Eglin AFB, Fla.	Brig. Gen. David A. Harris
325th Fighter Wing	Tyndall AFB, Fla.	Brig. Gen. John K. McMullen
354th Fighter Wing	Eielson AFB, Alaska	Brig. Gen. Mark D. Kelly
379th Air Expeditionary Wing	Southwest Asia	Brig. Gen. Roger H. Watkins
380th Air Expeditionary Wing	Southwest Asia	Brig. Gen. Paul H. McGillicuddy
412th Test Wing	Edwards AFB, Calif.	Brig. Gen. Michael T. Brewer
438th Air Expeditionary Wing	Kabul, Afghanistan	Brig. Gen. Timothy M. Ray
451st Air Expeditionary Wing	Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan	Brig. Gen. Scott L. Dennis
455th Air Expeditionary Wing	Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan	Brig. Gen. Joseph T. Guastella
502nd Air Base Wing	JB San Antonio, Tex.	Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter
509th Bomb Wing	Whiteman AFB, Mo.	Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Bussiere
711th Human Performance Wing	Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio	Brig. Gen. Timothy T. Jex

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