

LANGLEY AFB



» MISSION SETS:



AIR COMBAT



CYBER & INTELLIGENCE



MEDICINE



SECURITY



LOGISTICS



ENGINEERING



SUPPORT

QUICK FACTS

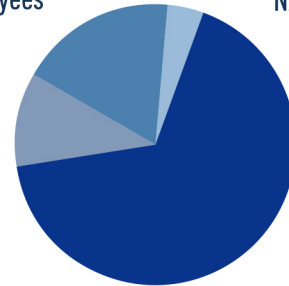
- » Founded in 1916
- » First mission was flown in 1917
- » Named after aviation pioneer Samuel Pierpont Langley
- » Eddie Rickenbacker, WWII's top flying ace, flew with the 94th FS
- » Runway length: 10,000 feet
- » 3,167 acres, 600 of which are wetlands
- » Approx. 40 F-22s

Civilian Employees
2,300

Guard &
Reserve
1,370

NAF Employees
530

Active Duty
8,600



*Figures are approximate

» PERSONNEL

» HISTORY:

Langley Air Force Base, Va., is among the oldest continuously active air bases in the United States. In 1916, the National Advisory Council for Aeronautics, predecessor to NASA, established the need for a joint airfield and proving ground for Army, Navy and NACA aircraft. In 1917, the new proving ground was designated Langley Field for one of America's early air pioneers, Samuel Pierpont Langley.

In the early 1920s, Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell led bombing runs from Langley over captured German warships anchored off the coast of Virginia. These first successful tests set the precedent for the airplane's new role of strategic bombardment. At the outbreak of World War II, Langley took on a new mission to develop special detector equipment used in antisubmarine warfare. Langley units played a vital role in the sinking of enemy submarines off the United States coast during the war.

The arrival of Tactical Air Command on May 25, 1946, marked the beginning of a new era in the history of the field, and in January 1948, Langley Field officially became Langley Air Force Base. On June 1, 1992, Langley became the headquarters of the newly formed Air Combat Command, as Tactical Air Command was inactivated as part of the Air Force's restructuring.

On Jan. 7, 2010, the 9th AF reactivated the 633 ABW and declared it to be the host unit for Langley AFB, Va. On Jan. 29, 2010, the 633 ABW became the link in the joint-basing initiative between Langley AFB and Fort Eustis, which we call today Joint Base Langley-Eustis.