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2020 HIGHLIGHTS

The 180th Fighter Wing has a long history of serving our community, guarding the skies and protecting our nation.

2020 was a year like no other. It was the year the world stopped moving. Entire countries, the world's largest cities, businesses and schools shut down to slow the spread of COVID-19.

For many, it was a year of chaos, filled with adversity and challenges.

For the men and women of the 180FW, it was one of the busiest years in the wing's history.

In February, the 180FW deployed 190 Airmen and 69 tons of cargo to Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, to participate in Exercise Green Flag-West. Throughout the deployment, we flew more than 195 sorties to hone our skills in preparation for an Aerospace Expeditionary Force deployment to the Central Command Area of Responsibility, in October 2020.

As the pandemic tightened its grip on the U.S., our Airmen answered the call to support Ohioans in need. Members supported critical foodbank operations, providing medical care in nursing homes and correctional facilities, assisting with COVID testing and providing support to law



 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

 • Execute the mission
• Manage resources
• Continuous organizational growth



HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

enforcement agencies throughout the state during times of civil unrest.

Between the months of March and July, we deployed more than 200 of our Stinger Airmen in support of various Agile Combat Support missions to six countries around the world, followed by an additional 200 Airmen in support of the AEF deployment in October.

Behind the scenes, while ensuring our Airmen could safely execute our daily missions at the 180FW, our Fire and Emergency Services team also responded to more than 160 local emergencies in our surrounding communities.

With more than 400 of our Airmen and 259 tons of cargo deployed to six countries around the world, supporting America's National Defense Strategy, and 70 additional Airmen deployed across the state of Ohio in support of civil unrest and COVID-19 humanitarian relief efforts, the 180FW continued to execute our missions here at home and maintain the highest standards of readiness.

Despite the global pandemic, we maintained high mission capability ratings, flying more than 2,500 sorties, totaling more than 5,000 flying hours, including nearly 4,500 combat flying hours.

It is the steadfast commitment of our Airmen that sets us apart from the rest and allows us to do what we do best. It is the dedication of our Airmen that has led us to be awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the fourth consecutive year.

We don't know what 2021 holds, what trials have yet to come, but that has always been the case. We have always triumphed over adversity. We have met every challenge, and we have no intention of stopping now.

With more than 1,000 combat-ready Airmen, we are always ready to serve. When our nation calls, we will always answer. Whenever freedom is in jeopardy, we will always be there to defend it. We are Airmen. We are Stingers. We are the 180th Fighter Wing.

COMMANDER'S STATEMENT

“The commitment and sacrifice of our Stinger Airmen and their families ensure that we remain operationally ready and engaged, enabling us to deliver the strategic depth required to remain at the forefront of our nation's defense.”

~COL. MICHAEL J. DIDIO

OUR WING

The 180FW is made up of more than 1,200 Airmen supporting six main organizations within the wing, ensuring our continued mission success.

FW/HQ

FIGHTER WING HEADQUARTERS

The FW/HQ section is made up of 45 Airmen supporting the functions of Command Support Staff, Judge Advocate, Comptroller, Chaplains, Command Post, Military Equal Opportunity, Human Resource Advisor, Director of Psychological Health, Sexual Assault and Prevention, Ground and Flying Safety, Inspector General and Public Affairs.

OG

OPERATIONS GROUP

The Operations Group, including the 112th Fighter Squadron is made up of 80 Airmen and fighter pilots supporting the offices of Command Support Staff, Airfield Management, Aviation Resource Management, Intelligence and Air Crew Flight Equipment. The OG establishes and manages the operations of the command and control centers and customer focal point of all aviation mission requirements.

MXG

MAINTENANCE GROUP

The Maintenance Group is made up of 455 Airmen supporting the functions of Command Support Staff, Fabrication, Quality Assurance, Munitions, Avionics, Propulsion, Aerospace Ground Equipment, Accessories, Phase Maintenance, Weapons, Maintenance Operations, F-16 Mechanics and Sortie Production.

MSG

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

The Mission Support Group section is made up of 350+ Airmen supporting the functions of Command Support Staff, Mission Support Group Headquarters, Force Support Squadron, Civil Engineer Squadron, Logistic Readiness Squadron, Security Forces Squadron, Communication Flight, Airman and Family Readiness and Base Contracting.

MDG

MEDICAL GROUP

The Medical Group section is made up of 56 Airmen supporting the offices of SG Surgeon General which includes Medical Admin, Medical Services, Public Health, Bioenvironmental, Dental and the 112th Squadron Medical Element.

ACA

AEROSPACE CONTROL ALERT

180FW Aerospace Control Alert mission is made up of 23 maintenance Airmen supporting the functions of weapons, weapons loading and F-16 mechanics. The ACA team executes 24/7 operations, protecting the homeland in support of the NORAD Homeland Defense mission.

OUR LOCATION

Located at the Eugene F. Kranz Toledo Express Airport in Northwest Ohio, the 180FW is strategically 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% 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.

OUR 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.

50
FACILITIES

425,000
SQUARE FEET

135
ACRES

OUR 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.

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.

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 transit costs.

In addition, the wing utilizes three aerial gunnery ranges located in Michigan and Indiana, 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.

To stay ready and razor sharp in its execution of the aerospace control alert mission, the 180FW conducts monthly training exercises in the surrounding national airspace region to enhance command and control and air traffic control integration with fighter escort for its alert intercept mission.

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 on short notice when the opposite location experiences poor weather, further enhancing training opportunities while ensuring mission requirements are met.



AIRCRAFT
F-16 CM
 FIGHTING FALCON
 BLOCK 42

CAPABILITIES
 AIR DEFENSE
 INTERDICTION
 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT

ASSIGNMENTS
 AIR COMBAT COMMAND
 NORAD
 NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU
 OHIO NATIONAL GUARD

MISSION

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.



PRIMARY FUNCTION
 Multi-role Fighter

BUILDER
 Lockheed Martin Corp.

POWER PLANT
 Pratt & Whitney
 F100-PW-229

THRUST
 29,000 pounds

LENGTH
 49 feet
 5.2 inches

HEIGHT
 16 feet
 10 inches

WINGSPAN
 32 feet
 10 inches

SPEED
 1,500 mph
 Mach 2 at altitude

MAX TAKEOFF WEIGHT
 42,300 pounds

RANGE
 More than 2,100 nautical
 2,425 miles miles

OTHER MISSIONS

The 180th Fighter Wing Fire & Emergency Services Department provides sole 24-hour emergency response for the Eugene F. Kranz Toledo Express Airport, and responded to 160 emergencies within their primary response district in 2020. The department also provides support to the community through mutual aid agreements, responding to 48 mutual aid emergency requests, including 26 medical emergencies, 14 rescues, five structural fires, and two wildland fires.

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 Combatant Commanders by rebuilding and testing 154 engines and modules since 2010, 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.

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 comply-

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

ing 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.



SIX COUNTRIES
400+ AIRMEN

2020 DEPLOYMENTS

 **BAGRAM AIR BASE**
Afghanistan
Operation Freedom Sentinel
300 Airmen

 **AL UDEID AIR BASE**
Qatar
Operation Freedom Sentinel
81 Airmen

 **AL ASAD AIR BASE**
IRAQ
Operation Resolute Support
1 Airman

 **KANDAHAR AIR BASE**
AFGHANISTAN
Operation Freedom Sentinel
9 Airmen

 **MUWAFFAQ SALT I AIR BASE**
JORDAN
Operation Inherent Resolve
3 Airmen

 **ALI AL SALEM AIR BASE**
KUWAIT
Operation Freedom Sentinel
7 Airmen

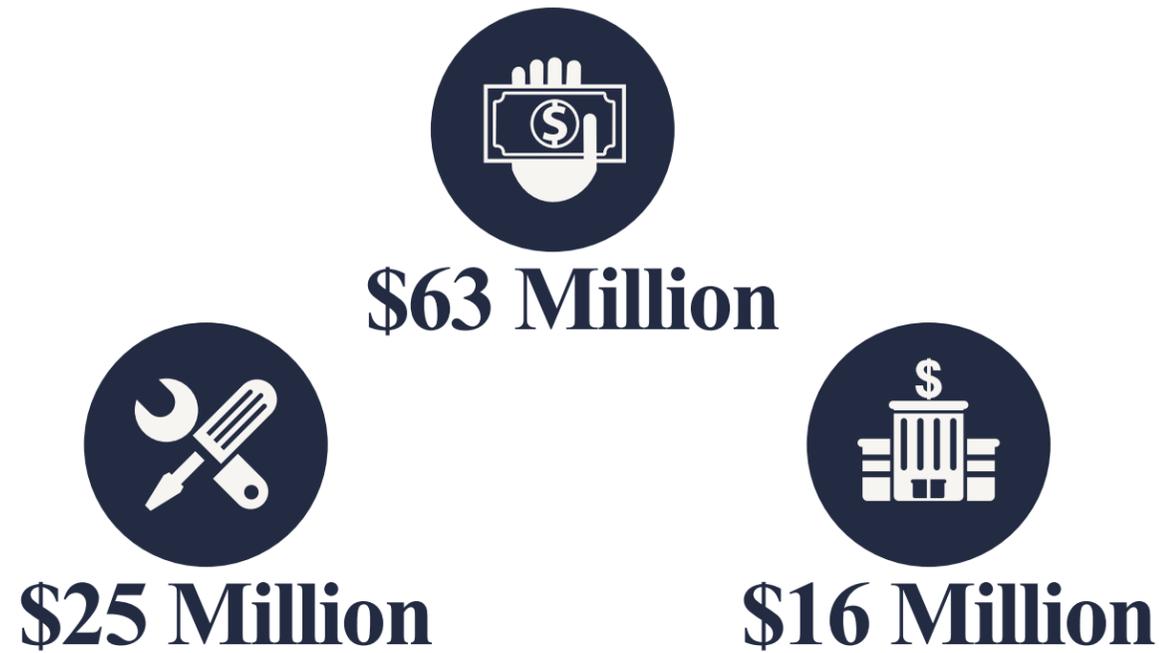
 **LANKENHEATH AIR FORCE BASE**
ENGLAND
Operation Freedom Sentinel
14 Airmen

 **NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE**
NEVADA, U.S.
Exercise Green Flag-West
190 Airmen



ECONOMIC IMPACT

PAYROLL CLASSIFICATION



During fiscal year 2020, the 180FW contributed more than \$105 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 for 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 2020, Oct. 1, 2019 through Sept. 30, 2020.

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

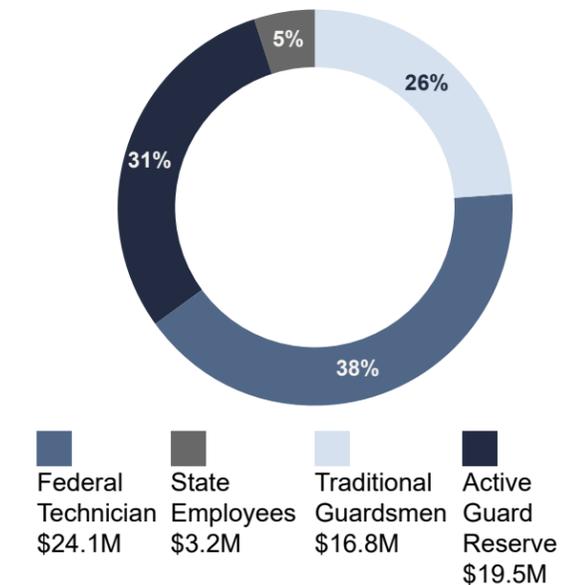
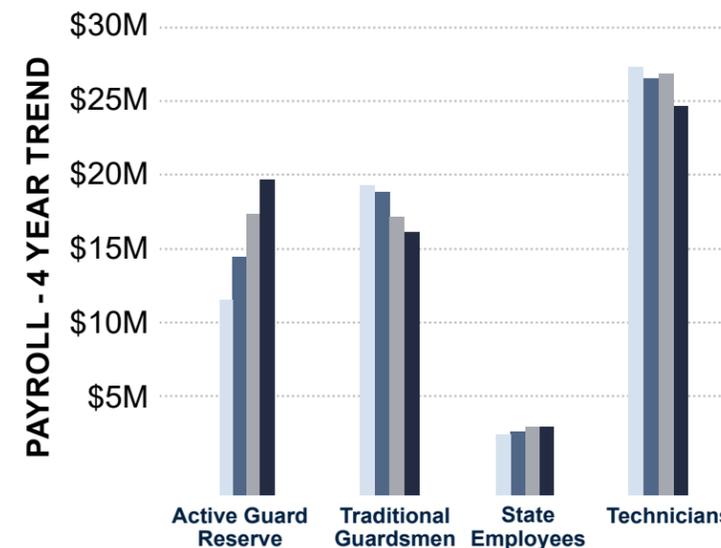
federal government. The Ohio National Guard is a great deal, the annual state in-come tax revenue generated from the federal salaries of our traditional members and full-time employees offsets the amount of state funding we receive, meaning the ONG pays for itself!

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	259	\$19,566,000
Traditional Guardsmen	692	\$16,836,000
State Employees	43	\$3,257,000
Technicians	230	\$24,113,000
Total	1,224	\$63,772,000





CAPITAL ASSETS

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.

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 was completed 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 was completed in the fall of 2020.

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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supporting fighter aircraft operations with little or no expansion. Our master plan has incorporated potential and future missions, accommodating the current aircraft with minimal impact. In the event of future and joint missions, the base has the ability to accommodate a variety of functions on its existing footprint, but also has suitable land for expansion, if necessary.

WING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2010

- 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

2011

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

2012

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

2013

- 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

2014

- 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

2015

- 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

2016

- 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

2017

- 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

2018

- 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

2019

- 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

2020

- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
- 1st Place - Feature Photo | National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Photo Series | National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Photojournalism | National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Video Documentation | National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Multimedia Product | National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Military Photographer of the Year | National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Communicator/Writer of the Year | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Military Photographer of the Year | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Multimedia Product | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Photo Illustration | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Photo Series | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Photojournalism | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Video Story | Ohio National Guard Media Awards



WING HISTORY

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 2018, nearly 300 Airmen and 12 F-16 deployed to Amari Air Base, Estonia as part of a Theater Security Package, in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. 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.

In 2020, we deployed more than 400 Stinger Airmen to six countries around the world, including a 300 person, 12 aircraft combat package to support an Aerospace Expeditionary deployment to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. The deployments were in support of Operation Resolute Support, enhancing our nation's national security objectives.

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 343 events, totaling more than 800 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, Noncommissioned 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 Airmen was selected as the 1st Air Force First Sergeant of the Year for 2014. In 2015, a 180FW Airmen was selected as the 2015 Security Forces Aerospace Control Alert Airmen 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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