

# 2025 180<sup>TH</sup> FIGHTER WING ANNUAL REPORT



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*~ Col. Curtis Voltz*



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## COMMANDER'S STATEMENT

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2025 proved to be another ambitious year for the 180th Fighter Wing as we focused on our strategic priorities, intensive training and top-tier execution of the mission at the local, state and national levels.

Throughout the year we deployed more than 400 Stinger Airmen to seven locations across the globe and another 120 Airmen to training events throughout the U.S.

In an effort to continue providing increased high-performance combat capabilities to combatant commanders, the 180FW supported the Ohio National Guard's Live in '25 training exercise. With 56 deployed Airmen, 22 tons of cargo and F-16 fighter jets, the 180FW joined all four Ohio Air National Guard wings in a five-day event focused on Agile Combat Employment in a near-peer adversary environment, simulating austere deployment conditions.

This first-of-its-kind event showcased the Ohio Air National Guard's combat capabilities from air superiority and base defense to communications, intelligence and medical support, enhancing overall lethality and interoperability.

In support of Operation Noble Eagle, more than 370 of our Stinger Airmen conducted a three-month air defense mission, across two geo-

graphically separated areas. Approximately 250 Airmen and 82.8 tons of cargo deployed to St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, while another 100 Airmen maintained operations from Savannah, Ga.

Approximately 35 members of our homeland defense team traveled to the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, in Alpena, Mich., to streamline air defense capabilities and interoperability. During the four-day event, the 180FW partnered with the U.S. Coast Guard and Civil Air Patrol to hone interagency coordination and air intercept tactics. The 180FW conducted 17 sorties and more than 30 air intercepts, enhancing Agile Combat Employment capabilities and mission readiness.

For the third consecutive year, the 180FW led the U.S. Air Force by executing one of the largest flying hour programs across the total force. In 2025, we flew 2,432 sorties, totaling over 4,100 flying hours, enhancing our combat capabilities to the combatant commanders.

Approximately 75 Airmen from our medical, food services and public affairs teams put their training and skills to work in support of Operation Healthy Tennessee, providing no-cost medical, dental, optometry and veterinary services to residents in Southeast Tennessee.



Throughout the two-week event, our medical team provided over \$1.9 million in medical services to over 2,600 residents in Rhea and Bledsoe counties. Our food services team provided 3,500 meals and 20 morale events to more than 200 joint service medical professionals serving the community.

Continuing a 15-year partnership with the University of Toledo Medical Center, 10 180FW registered nurses conducted 100 hours of quarterly rotations at the medical center, assisting with patient management and medical treatment. This partnership allows our nurses to enhance critical, life-saving medical skillsets within the local community, while supplementing UTMC staffing in high-patient areas, at no cost.

As the global environment continues to evolve, the need for trained and qualified Airmen will continue to grow, in an effort to support combatant commander needs and deployment demands in contested environments.

In 2025 our Recruiting & Retention team focused on growing the force, enlisting more than 116 new Airmen into the wing, enabling the 180FW to continue developing multi-capable Airmen for the total force.

The efforts of the Recruiting & Retention team increased the wing's overall manning to 103.8% and directly contributed to the Ohio National Guard being ranked #1 in the nation for overall manning.

While flawlessly conducting our missions and continuing our rig-

orous training requirements, the 180FW also executed an extensive community outreach program, supporting more than 400 community events including 25 base tours, 17 off-base community events, 44 fly-bys, 291 funerals and 30 color guard events.

The accomplishments throughout 2025 would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of every single one of our Stinger Airmen. Their contributions ensure the 180FW continues to lead the way and showcase that we are the most ready and lethal fighter wing in the joint force.

The 180FW will again raise the bar in 2026, as we continue to train and adapt to shifts in the strategic environment. We will continue to focus, optimize and provide lethal capabilities to combatant commanders.

I couldn't be more proud to serve with each and every one of our Stinger Airmen, and I am extremely grateful for the dedicated and continued support our Airmen receive from our families and our communities.

Our Stinger Airmen are the backbone of the 180FW, but our families and our communities are the foundation on which they stand. It is because of your unflinching support that we are able to remain ready when called, anytime, anywhere our nation needs.

We could not do what we do without those of you who make up Stinger Nation. Thank you for your continued support of our Airmen and our mission.

# ABOUT US

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Defending freedom as the most lethal, innovative and efficient Fighter Wing in the Total Force, the 180th Fighter Wing is made up of more than 1,200 professionally led and well-trained, community-based Airmen. Always mission-focused, our success is achieved through our critical Airmen, who maintain the highest levels of proficiency and power the finest F-16 fleet in the force. Our Airmen perform daily training, conducted in realistic environments, under realistic circumstances, ensuring the highest level of readiness required to project airpower worldwide.



## 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.



## OPERATIONS GROUP

The Operations Group, including the 112th Fighter Squadron and the 180th Operations Support Squadron, is made up of 88 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.



## MAINTENANCE GROUP

The Maintenance Group is made up of 450+ 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.



### 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 Squadron, Airman and Family Readiness and Base Contracting.



### MEDICAL GROUP

The Medical Group is made up of 56 Airmen supporting medical administrative functions including medical support, medical operations, force health management, force health protection and healthcare management. The Medical Group consists of Medical Administration, Aerospace Medicine, Medical Technicians and Nursing Services, Optometry, Public Health, Bioenvironmental Engineering, Dental Services and the 112th Fighter Squadron Medical Element.



### AEROSPACE CONTROL ALERT

The 180FW Aerospace Control Alert mission is made up of 24 Airmen, supporting maintenance on the F-16 with Crew Chiefs, Weapons and Avionics personnel. The ACA team executes 24/7 operations, protecting the homeland in support of the NORAD Homeland Defense mission. ACA continuously works with HHQ, FAA and Civil Air Patrol to maintain readiness in support of their homeland defense mission.

# 180<sup>TH</sup> FIGHTER WING

# STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN

## PRIORITY 1

Airmen  
Trained  
Qualified  
Ready to Deploy



The U.S. Air Force is ever-changing and the requirements for trained and qualified Airmen will only continue to grow in an effort to deployment demands in contested environments.

**GOAL:**  
Force is Fit to Fight

- Increase Individual Medical Readiness
- Develop a Professional & Technically Proficient Airman
- Cultivate Multi-capable Airmen

## PRIORITY 2

Increased Capability to  
Combatant Commanders



To fight effectively, the combatant commander must be supported with the best equipped and trained Airmen to operate in the most dangerous, complex, and austere conditions.

**GOAL:**  
Be the Most Lethal  
Choice

- Increase Mission Capability Rate and Aircraft Availability
- Increase Pilot Lethality
- Train to Emerging Threats & Great Power Competition
- Master the Fight in the Contested, Degraded, Opposed Environment

## PRIORITY 3

Sustain Relationship with  
Northwest Ohio  
Communities



The 180FW adds value by investing in the safety and quality of life of our communities. We must remain relevant and proactive in the development of themes and messages, identifying audiences and selecting methods of delivery to promote public understanding and support.

**GOAL:**  
Give More to the Community  
than Given

- Build & Maintain Relationships with Local Communities
- Foster Professional Partnerships with Local Communities
- Increase Public Awareness & Understanding of the Armed Forces, Mission, Policies & Programs of the 180FW
- Provide Defense Support to Civil Authorities

## PRIORITY 4

Embrace Innovation &  
Maximize Efficiencies



As we continue to operate in a resource constrained environment, we must embrace innovation and maximize efficiencies increasing our ability to meet emerging mission requirements in an ever-changing and uncertain world.

**GOAL:**  
Establish a Continuous  
Process Improvement  
Culture

- Instill a Culture of Innovation Through Training, Education & Daily Practices
- Increase Energy Efficiency
- Increase Efficiency of Financial Resources

## PRIORITY 5

Cultivate a Culture of  
Growth & Excellence



Striving to cultivate a culture of growth and excellence is one of the most important factors in mentoring and developing our Airmen. Providing clear guidance, constructive feedback, setting expectations and recognizing our Airmen are ways to develop our future leaders.

**GOAL:**  
Retain Combat Ready  
Airmen

- Mentor Airmen
- Increase Recognition with Timely Awards & Decorations
- Build Esprit de Corps
- Maintain Efficiency with Timely Enlisted and Officer Performance Briefs

# OUR MISSION

To 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.

The 180FW has access to multiple military operating airspace and air-to-ground gunnery ranges perfectly suited for the capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

Centrally located with access to three major airspace complexes, the 180FW regular uses the Buckeye/Brushcreek airspace in southern Ohio, the Alpena airspace complex in Northern Michigan, and the Indiana Air Range Complex in southeast Indiana.

These locations afford our fighter pilots the opportunity to train and employ in flight regimes essential for exploiting the full capabilities of the F-16 including supersonic, chaff/flare, and electronic attack training with full radar ground control intercept 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.

With access to two aerial gunnery ranges in Michigan and Indiana, 180FW pilots are able to employ precision guided and ballistic air-to-ground munitions including rockets, gunnery, and all sizes of conventional bombs.

Access to these ranges ensures our fighter pilots remain proficient in employing the active electronically scanned array radar during the accomplishment of its air interdiction, close air support, and air defense missions.



# OTHER MISSIONS



## AEROSPACE CONTROL ALERT

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To stay ready and razor sharp in its execution of the 24/7 aerospace control alert mission, the 180FW conducts monthly training exercises in the surrounding national airspace regions 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.

To further enhance realistic combat training scenarios, the 180FW opened the F-16 Mission Training Center in 2021, which serves as a fully operational four-ship F-16 simulator designed to put pilots in simulated combat anywhere in the world while remotely connected to other aircraft and entities through the distributed mission operations system.

## FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

The 180FW Fire & Emergency Services Department provides sole, 24-hour emergency response for the Eugene F. Kranz Toledo Express Airport, while also providing support to our surrounding communities through mutual aid agreements.

In 2025, the 180FW Fire & Emergency Services team responded to 241 total calls for help in 2025. This was a 24.87% increase from 2024. Firefighters responded to 109 calls within our primary response area and 132 mutual aid calls. These include 98 medical calls, 53 structural responses, 38 Vehicle responses, seven wildland, two Hazmat, three tech rescue, nine service calls, five canceled enroute, and 26 aircraft related emergencies and standbys.



## PROPULSION ELEMENT

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 247 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.



# OUR AIRCRAFT

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**PRIMARY FUNCTION**  
Multi-role Fighter



**THRUST**  
29,000 pounds



**WINGSPAN**  
32 feet  
10 inches



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



**BUILDER**  
Lockheed Martin Corp.



**LENGTH**  
49 feet  
5.2 inches



**SPEED**  
1,500 mph  
Mach 2 at altitude



**POWER PLANT**  
Pratt & Whitney  
F100-PW-229



**HEIGHT**  
16 feet  
10 inches



**MAX TAKEOFF WEIGHT**  
42,300 pounds





# OUR FACILITIES

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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.

Nearly 60% of the U.S. population resides within a 600-mile radius of Toledo, a city which boasts vital infrastructure, key centers of gravity and international airports. Northwest Ohio also 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 United States and the 180FW is proud to partner with Toledo Lucas County Port Authority to realize mutually

**53**  
FACILITIES

**135**  
ACRES

**429,000**  
SQUARE FEET

beneficial regional advantages.

Situated on 135 acres, the 180FW base and infrastructure have been designed and constructed to support the current and future fighter aircraft required 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 increases base infrastructure capacity to encompass potential and future missions while accommodating current fighter aircraft with minimal impact. The 180FW's existing footprint is substantial enough to integrate future, joint Air and Space missions with ample, adjacent land accessible for expansion.

# CAPITAL ASSETS

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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 2020, the wing completed construction of both a \$9 million aircraft hangar and the \$3.5 million Deployment Processing and Fitness Center. The wing also completed construction that repurposed an aged facility, creating a \$4.3 million immersive flight simulator facility.

The 29,000 square foot aircraft hangar replaces the four temporary canvas hangars, erected in 2008, supporting the wing's NORAD Aerospace Control Alert and NORTHCOM Homeland Defense missions.

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.

Not only does the 180FW maintain more than 429,000 square feet of facilities, the wing is also situated on 135 acres of land with more than 200 acres available for future expansion.

In addition to the main, 63,700 square foot, aircraft hangar, the wing is seeking funding to construct a \$3.8 million Weapons Load Crew training hangar. The 180FW also performs vehicle and Aircraft Ground Equipment, or AGE, maintenance and is seeking funding for a \$5.6 million combined AGE maintenance facility to consolidate and upgrade our current facilities.

The base and supporting infrastructure, have been designed and constructed to support the current fighter aircraft needs for America's security and defense. Our base master plan accommodates potential future missions (joint basing, emergency operations, etc.) in addition to contemporary 180FW operations.





## **ENERGY INDEPENDENCE**

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The 180FW currently maintains an operational 1.6 megawatt solar field. 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. We continue to install energy-saving projects, including energy efficient heat pumps and LED lighting throughout our facilities.

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 \$2 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 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 completed a Phase I investigation of the impacts of perfluorinated compounds found in fire-extinguishing agents and will continue monitoring wells and testing soil samples during a future Phase II investigation 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.

# ECONOMIC IMPACT



**\$84 Million**



**\$49 Million**



**\$16 Million**

During fiscal year 2025, the 180FW contributed more than \$150 million in both direct and indirect economic support to the overall economy.

More than \$49 million directly impacted the local economy through operational and construction expenses. More than \$84 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 2025, Oct. 1, 2024 through Sept. 30, 2025.

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 income 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!

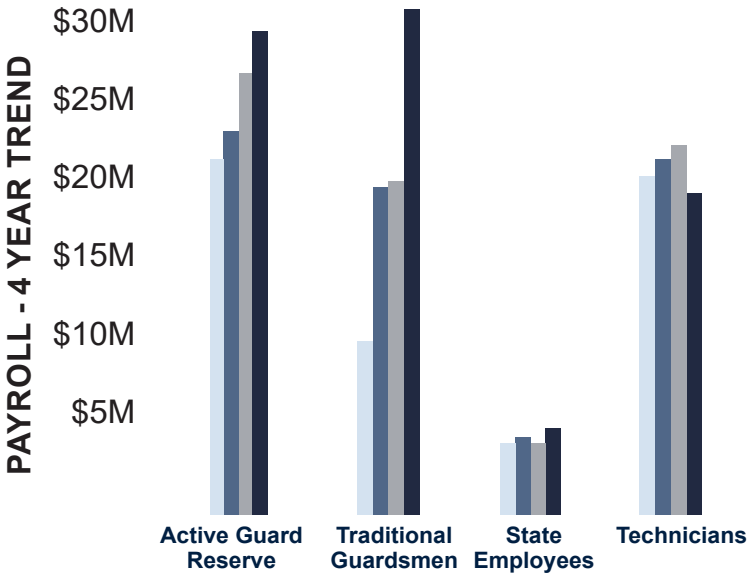
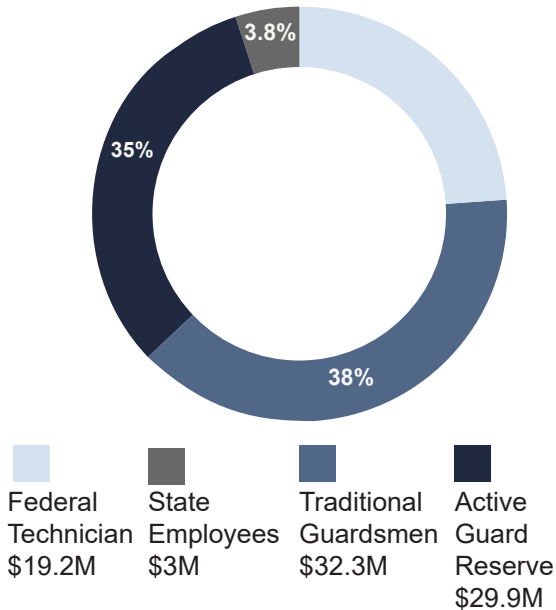
The Department of War contributes billions of dollars to state economies through the operation of military installations.

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.

# PAYROLL CLASSIFICATION

Personnel Classification	Number of Personnel	Payroll
Active Guard Reserve	279	\$29,923,700
Traditional Guardsmen	792	\$32,302,500
State Employees	35	\$3,287,100
Technicians	163	\$19,248,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>\$84,762,200</b>



# 2025 DEPLOYMENTS

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EIGHT LOCATIONS  
493+ AIRMEN

 **SAVANNAH COMABT READINESS TRAINING CENTER**  
**GEORGIA**  
250 Airman

 **MCGHEE-TYSON AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE**  
**Tennessee**  
108 Airmen

 **AL UDEID AIR BASE**  
**QATAR**  
1 Airman

 **LIVE IN '25 COLUMBUS, OHIO**  
56 Airman

 **MUWAFFAQ SALT I AIR BASE**  
**JORDAN**  
1 Airman

 **ST. CROIX**  
**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**  
114 Airmen

 **HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE**  
**HAWAII**  
1 Airman

 **KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE**  
**MISSISSIPPI**  
18 Airmen



# WING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## 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
- 1st Place - Communicator/Writer of the Year | Ohio National Guard
- 1st Place - Military Photographer of the Year | Ohio National Guard
- 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

## 2021

- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
- Chief Albert Fitzpatrick Award for ANG Firefighter of the Year
- CMSgt Edward W. Wolbert Award, ANG Fire Chief's Association
- U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. John P. Flynn Inspector General Award
- Air National Guard's Maj. Gen. Junius W. Jones Inspector General Award
- Lt Gen Howard W. Leaf Inspector General Award
- Lt. Gen. Loh with the Director of Safety Special Achievement Award
- 2nd Place - Feature Photo | National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Photo Illustration | National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Feature Photo | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Military Photographer of the Year | Ohio National Guard
- 1st Place - News Photo | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Photo Illustration | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - Photo Series | Ohio National Guard Media Awards



# 2022

- 1st Place Feature Photo | National Guard Bureau Media Awards
- 3rd Place Military Photographer of the Year | National Guard Media Awards
- Director of Safety Special Achievement Award | Air National Guard
- "Valid Yes" Rating | ACC Readiness Exercise
- "Mission Ready" Rating | Alert Forces Evaluation

# 2023

- Wing Award of Excellence | Ohio National Guard
- Maintenance Award of Excellence | Ohio National Guard
- 3rd Place - Feature Photo | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Photojournalism | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Video Documentation B-Roll | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 1st Place - News Photo | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- Tech. Sgt. Austin Bly State Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year | Ohio National Guard

# 2024

- Director of Safety Outstanding Achievement Award | Air National Guard
- Safety Officer of the Year Award | Air National Guard
- Dental Non-commissioned Officer of the Year | Air National Guard
- Air Award of Excellence | Ohio National Guard
- 2nd Place - Feature Photo | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Portrait Photo | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 3rd Place - Portrait Photo | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Sports Photo | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Video Documentation B-Roll | Ohio National Guard Media Awards

# 2025

- #1 Aircraft Structural Integrity Program - F-16 Fleet | U.S. Air Force
- Outstanding Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award | Air National Guard
- Zachary & Elizabeth Fischer Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award
- 1st Place - Best Written Product | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Best Photo Product | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- 2nd Place - Best Individual Video Product | Ohio National Guard Media Awards
- Best Rookie Recruiter of the Year | Ohio National Guard
- Best Retention Office Manager of the Year | Ohio National Guard
- Recruiting & Retention Patriot Award | Ohio National Guard
- Director of Safety Team Aviation Maintenance Safety Award | Air National Guard

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# 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, Operations 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-16s 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 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.

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.

In 2021, over 130 Airmen deployed to three countries around the world including Morocco, Saudi Arabia and the United States in support of Exercise African Lion, Operation Spartan Shield, Operation Allies Welcome and Annual Training missions.

In 2022, nearly 270 Airmen deployed to seven countries across the world to support missions in Guam, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, Italy, Germany, and the United States.

More than 70 Airmen deployed to Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE, in 2024 in support of Operation Enduring Sentinel, and 115 Airmen deployed to undisclosed locations in the Continental U.S. in support of Operation Noble Eagle, providing critical homeland defense capabilities.

In 2025, more than 360 Airmen continued to enhance critical homeland defence capabilities, deploying to two undisclosed locations in the Continental U.S. in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

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 1,300 events, totaling more than 3,500 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, annually, from 2009 through 2025. 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. Additionally, 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.

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



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