

Headquarters U.S. Air Force

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Air Force History and Museums Program



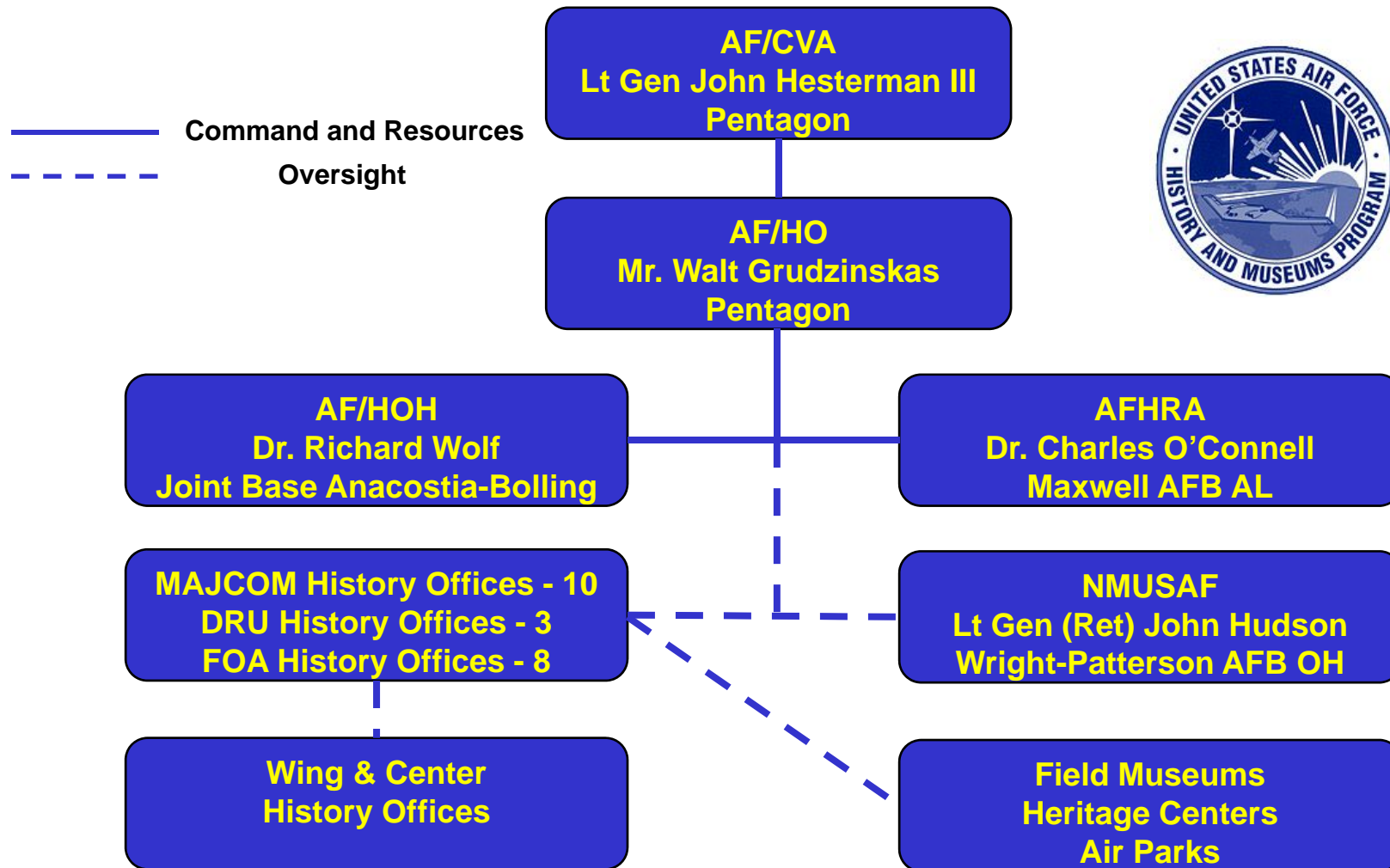


Authority & Mission

- **March 1942, President Roosevelt directed the establishment of government historical programs that would:**
 - **“...preserve for those who come after us an accurate and objective account of our present experience.”**
- **The mission of the Air Force History and Museums Program is to:**
 - **Improve USAF combat capability and program development through the collection, preservation, interpretation, dissemination and display of historical information, artifacts and Air Force heritage to commanders, staffs, other government officials, the public and the media.**



Organization Structure





AFHMP World-wide Program



■ **World-wide program:**

- **Wing, FOA, DRU, NAF, C-NAF, MAJCOM, C-MAJCOM**
- **National Museum of the United States Air Force (WPAFB)**
- **Air Force Historical Research Agency (Maxwell AFB)**
- **Air Force Historical Support Division, JBAB DC**
- **Air Force History Office (AF/HO, Pentagon)**



Air Force Historical Support Division (HQ USAF/HOH)

- **Working-level echelon of AF/HO**
- **Located at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Bldg 94**
- **Provides direct, professional historical support to HQ USAF**
 - **Research service and information request to Air Force senior leaders and HAF staff**
 - **Researches, documents, and records the annual history of HQ USAF**
 - **Historical publications, special studies, and monographs**
 - **HOH website offers public access to on-line publications: <http://www.afhso.af.mil/>**



Air Force Historical Research Agency

- **Central repository of AF organizational records and unit histories from pre-World War I to present**
 - **~ 750,000 documents in paper and electronic formats**
- **Responds to ~ 7,500 requests for information, plus more than 300 FOIA requests, in average year**
 - **Focus is on data that supports the war-fighter, Congressional requests, VA, BCMR**
- **Maintains AF organizational lineage and honors data and emblem collection**
- **Digitizing roughly 5,000,000 pages per year**
- **Agency called “national strategic resource” by BCMR leadership**



History Program

- **Produces substantive periodic history reports, at all levels, which are the foundation of AFHMP**
 - **Provides objective, accurate, descriptive and interpretive records of Air Force operations in peace and war**
- **Maintains lineage, honors and emblem information for all Air Force organizations**
- **Emergency-Essential civilians deploy in support of all types of Air Force operations: Steady-State, Humanitarian, Contingencies, and Conventional Campaigns (nine current deployments)**



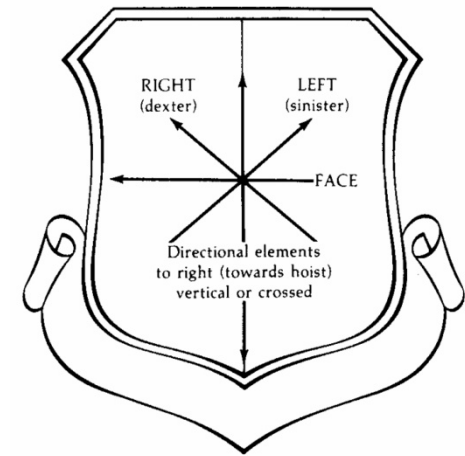
Operationally Relevant Historians



- **Deployable Civilian Positions**
- **All at wing level are “Emergency Essential”**
 - **Eligibility for Top Secret is requirement**
 - **Ability to deploy as part of AEF tasking**
- **If haven’t deployed, will deploy soon**



Historian Duties



- **Provides the unit's corporate memory**
 - **Task #1: Research and write unit's annual history**
 - **Advise commander on historical issues**
 - **Research and provide analysis for historical inquiries**
 - **AEF/Contingency deployments**
 - **Write special studies, articles and papers**
 - **Heritage**
 - **Lineage and Honors (including emblems)**



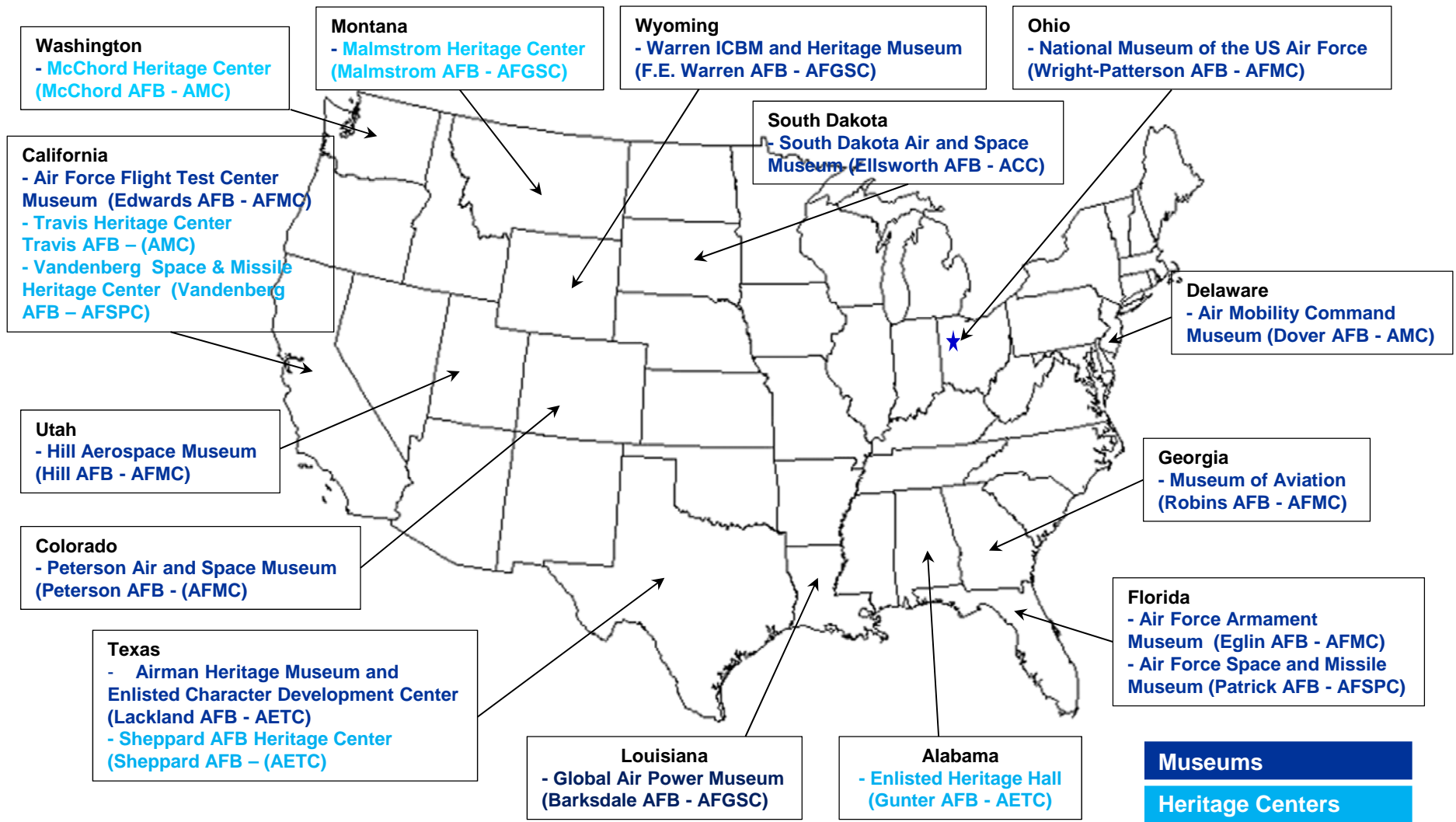
Heritage Activities

- **National Museum of the United States Air Force**
 - Located at Wright-Patterson AFB
 - Service-level authority on stewardship and accountability of USAF heritage program property
 - Provides broadest interpretation and presentation of USAF history & heritage
 - Central record site for all artifacts
- **Field Museums, Heritage Centers & Air Parks**
 - Provides specific subject matter exhibits, displays and programs
 - Resources by installation commanders





USAF Heritage Program



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National Collection at NMUSAF and off-site locations:

<u>Location (# of accts)</u>	<u>Aerospace Vehicles</u>	<u>Artifacts</u>
National Museum (1)	527	84,674
USAF Field Sites (298)	1,569	43,633
Civilian Museums (116)	670	4,802
Static Display Program:		
Veterans Organizations (105)	111	
Cities/Municipalities (248)	310	1
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TOTAL: (769)	3,159	133,142



References

- **AFPD 84-1, *Historical Information, Property, and Art***
- **AFI 84 series**
 - **AFI 84-101, *Historical Products, Services, and Requirements***
 - **AFI 84-102, *Historical Operations in Contingencies***
 - **AFI 84-103, *U.S. Air Force Heritage Program***
 - **AFI 84-104, *Art Program***
 - **AFI 84-105, *Organizational Lineage, Honors, and Heraldry***