Air Force History and Museums Program
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

Command and Resources
Oversight

AF/CVA
Lt Gen John Hesterman III
Pentagon

AF/HO
Mr. Walt Grudzinskas
Pentagon

AF/HOH
Dr. Richard Wolf
Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling

MAJCOM History Offices - 10
DRU History Offices - 3
FOA History Offices - 8

Wing & Center
History Offices

AFHRA
Dr. Charles O'Connell
Maxwell AFB AL

NMUSAF
Lt Gen (Ret) John Hudson
Wright-Patterson AFB OH

Field Museums
Heritage Centers
Air Parks

Integrity - Service - Excellence
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
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
USA Heritage Program

**California**
- Air Force Flight Test Center Museum (Edwards AFB - AFMC)
- Travis Heritage Center (Travis AFB – AMC)
- Vandenberg Space & Missile Heritage Center (Vandenberg AFB – AFSPC)

**Delaware**
- Air Mobility Command Museum (Dover AFB - AMC)

**Florida**
- Air Force Armament Museum (Eglin AFB - AFMC)
- Air Force Space and Missile Museum (Patrick AFB - AFSPC)

**Georgia**
- Museum of Aviation (Robins AFB - AFMC)

**Georgia**
- Airman Heritage Museum and Enlisted Character Development Center (Lackland AFB - AETC)
- Sheppard AFB Heritage Center (Sheppard AFB – AETC)

**Louisiana**
- Global Air Power Museum (Barksdale AFB - AFGSC)

**Montana**
- Malmstrom Heritage Center (Malmstrom AFB - AFGSC)

**Ohio**
- National Museum of the US Air Force (Wright-Patterson AFB - AFMC)

**Ohio**
- McChord Heritage Center (McChord AFB - AMC)

**Pennsylvania**
- Air Force Heritage Museum (Philadelphia AFB - AFMC)

**South Dakota**
- South Dakota Air and Space Museum (Ellsworth AFB - ACC)

**Texas**
- Airman Heritage Museum and Enlisted Character Development Center (Lackland AFB - AETC)

**Utah**
- Hill Aerospace Museum (Hill AFB - AFMC)

**Wyoming**
- Warren ICBM and Heritage Museum (F.E. Warren AFB - AFGSC)
- Warren ICBM and Heritage Center (F.E. Warren AFB - AFGSC)

**Alabama**
- Enlisted Heritage Hall (Gunter AFB - AETC)
# USAF Heritage Program

## National Collection at NMUSAF and off-site locations:

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## Static Display Program:

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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*