

# AIR FORCE DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON



## LINEAGE

Constituted as Air Force District of Washington, and activated as a direct reporting unit, 1 Oct 1985

Inactivated, 15 Jul 1994

Activated as a direct reporting unit, 7 Jul 2005

## STATIONS

Bolling AFB, DC

Andrews AFB MD

## ASSIGNMENTS

### COMMANDERS

MG Robert L. Smolen, #2006

BG Frank Gorenc, #2007

MG Ralph J. Jodice II, #2008

MG Darrell D. Jones, #2010

MG Robert L. Smolen,

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award:  
April 1, 2007-Dec. 31, 2008

### **EMBLEM**

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Air Force District of Washington (AFDW) is the single Air Force voice for planning and implementing Air Force and joint solutions within the National Capital Region (NCR). AFDW organizes, trains, equips and provides forces for Air and Space Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployment, homeland operations and ceremonial support within the NCR and worldwide. AFDW executes specified Military Department statutory responsibilities for administration and support of Headquarters Air Force and assigned Air Force units and personnel within the NCR and worldwide.

The Air Force District of Washington executes Air Force operations and supports Joint Force and Inter-Agency operations in the National Capital Region while providing superior support to Combatant Commanders and Air Force Elements worldwide.

AFDW is responsible to organize, train, equip and provide forces for AEF deployment, provide ceremonial support, and conduct homeland operations as part of a Joint effort, within the NCR. Homeland operations include homeland defense, defense support to civil authorities, emergency preparedness, and support to National Special Security Events.

AFDW exercises UCMJ authority over, and provides manpower, personnel, legal, chaplain, finance, logistics, and safety support for, designated Air Force activities located within the NCR, selected Field Operating Agencies, and selected Air Force Elements performing duties in non-Air Force activities worldwide.

Organize, train, equip, and deploy forces for AEFs and homeland defense, civil support, national special security events; flagship ceremonial and musical capability in support of NCR and global interests Ensure USAF members assigned worldwide have administrative and UCMJ support Perform MAJCOM-level responsibilities

AFDW is a direct reporting unit to Headquarters Air Force, reporting to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. AFDW serves as the Air Force service component to JFHQ-NCR and the supporting command to Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical (JTF CapMed). When the JHFQ-NCR transitions to the Joint Task Force National Capital Region (JTF-NCR), the 320th Air

Expeditionary Wing (320 AEW) activates and becomes the Air Force component of JTF-NCR. The Commander of AFDW serves as the Commander, 320 AEW. Air Force Mission Directive 13 delineates missions and assigned duties applicable to AFDW in both its worldwide Air Force service role and its JFHQ-NCR Air Force component role.

AFDW is composed of three wings and one group. The 11th Wing at Bolling Air Force Base, 79th Medical Wing and 316th Wing. Also under AFDW is the 844th Communications Group. The 79th Medical Wing and 844th Communications Group both have specialized missions where they will be single Air Force voice in the NCR for their respective fields of expertise. Both the 11th and 316th Wings will fulfill duties as the host base organization of Bolling and Andrews Air Force Base, respectively, while also supporting AFDW requirements.

#### History of AFDW at Bolling

The world's greatest airpower has been proudly represented in the NCR for almost 90 years, beginning with the establishment of Bolling Field as the Air Corps' third flying installation in October 1917. Both Bolling and Andrews Air Force Bases have served as primary military installations for many years, their personnel achieving numerous aviation milestones and record-setting flights in both wartime and peace.

That legacy continues today with the newest incarnation of AFDW. This organization first saw life at Bolling on October 1, 1985, through July 1, 1994, as the Air Force transitioned out of the Cold War with AFDW leading the way for Air Force assets in the NCR to find new missions and to help establish new doctrine for the new era of national defense.

That new era hit close to home on September 11, 2001, as terrorists used hijacked airlines to attack Washington, D.C., and New York City. There was a need to recreate AFDW at Bolling in response to these attacks, giving a greater role than what AFDW had previously had. AFDW would coordinate the development and stewardship of all USAF assets in the NCR in peacetime. A second organization, Air Force National Capital Region, or AFNCR, would coordinate response, recovery and defense of those same USAF assets in the event of a worst-case situation.

As one of USAF's five Direct Reporting Units, AFDW is also charged to serve Air Force elements worldwide and provides support for approximately 40,000 Air Force military and civilian members of 2,124 Air Force elements in more than 500 locations in 108 countries. This makes AFDW the leading edge of the Air Force as the organization continues its never-ending support of the world's greatest Air Force.

"To more effectively support the Global War on terrorism and to better align the Air Force command structure in the National Capital Region with the other services, the Secretary and I have decided to reactivate the Air Force District of Washington, effective 1 Jan 2005. This command structure will give Air Force a 'single voice' for working cross-service issues throughout the NCR and improve our support to the newly established Joint Forces Headquarters." -- Gen. John P. Jumper, 22 Nov 04

In accordance with the wishes of the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Air Force District of Washington (AFDW) was reborn, redrawing the Air Force landscape in the NCR to provide greater support in defense of the nation's capital.

Air Force District of Washington

Commander: Maj. Gen. Darren W. McDew

Headquarters: Joint Base Andrews, Md.

Mission

The Air Force District of Washington is the single voice for planning and implementing Air Force and joint solutions within the National Capital Region. It accomplishes this by providing superior service always, defense support to civil authorities when asked, and effective contingency response when needed.

AFDW organizes, trains, equips and provides forces for air and space expeditionary force deployment, homeland defense operations in support to civilian authorities, and ceremonial support within the National Capital Region and worldwide.

AFDW executes specified Air Force responsibilities for administration and support of Air Force headquarters and assigned units, as well as for more than 40,000 Airmen worldwide.

AFDW organizations include the 11th Wing, the 79th Medical Wing, the 320th Air Expeditionary Wing and the 844th Communications Group at Joint Base Andrews, Md. Its specialized units include the U.S. Air Force Band and the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, located on Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C. AFDW is also home to the largest helicopter squadron in the Air Force, the 1st Helicopter Squadron, at Joint Base Andrews.

[Aircraft](#)

UH-1N Huey

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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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