

The 56th Fighter Wing, headquartered at Luke Air Force Base, Phoenix, Ariz., is the largest fighter wing in the U.S. Air Force. The wing is part of Air Education and Training Command. The wing also oversees the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field and is steward of the 1.7 million acre Barry M. Goldwater Military Training Range.

# MISSION

We train the world's greatest fighter pilots and combat-ready Airmen!



The epicenter of airpower ... the proving ground for how we train, team, and think to win tomorrow's fight.

# WE TRAIN 75% OF THE WORLD'S F-35 PILOTS

Active: 4,803 Reserve: 1,408 Civilian: 1,203

# **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

DIRECT: \$974 Million INDIRECT: \$761 Million INDUCED: \$697 Million Total Economic Impact in AZ \$2.4 Billion

### LEADERSHIP



Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Gregory Kreuder



Vice Wing Commander Col. Luke Casper



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# **LUKE HISTORY**

Luke Air Force Base is named for the WWI flying ace and Phoenix native Lieutenant Frank Luke Jr., the first aviator to receive the Medal of Honor. Lieutenant Luke scored 18 aerial victories, 14 against German observation balloons, before being killed at the age of 21 on Sept. 29, 1918.



# THUNDERBOLT NATION

- Since 1941, Luke has graduated over **61,000** pilots **105** F-35 pilots annually **188** F-16 pilots annually **79** Intel specialists annually **98** F-35 maintainers annually **8** Medical lab technicians annually **16** Critical Care/Emergency Trauma Fellowship annually
- **236** Air Control Squadron personnel annually

# **PARTNERS IN TRAINING**

