

U.S. Air Force

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE : ARIZONA

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (AFB) is located five miles southeast of downtown Tucson, Arizona, in a Sonoran desert basin. In 1927, Charles Lindberg dedicated the base in honor of Tucson natives Second Lieutenants Samuel H. Davis and Oscar Monthan.

A key operation within Air Combat Command, Davis-Monthan AFB has an enduring legacy of excellence. Its host unit is the 355th Fighter Wing, which garnered much acclaim during World War II for numerous



heroic accomplishments. In addition, the base is home to the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group. The "Boneyard," a 2,600-acre open-storage facility, currently holds nearly 4,000 aircraft, 280,000 pieces of production tooling, and other aerospace assets from all branches of the U.S. military, foreign allies and other government agencies.

Davis-Monthan AFB has a \$1.5 billion annual economic impact (includes retiree contributions) on the local economy and serves nearly 51,600 medical beneficiaries.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Tucson AZ**
- » Land Area: **~10,600 acres**
- » Special Use Airspace: **3,200 nautical miles²**
- » Military Personnel: **6,600**
- » Civilian Personnel: **3,200+**
- » Military Dependents: **8,000+**



Top: Davis-Monthan AFB main gate sign. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

Bottom: An A-10C touches down on a runway at Davis-Monthan AFB. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

Left: Four A-10s from Davis-Monthan fly in formation over Arizona April 29. The A-10s received in-flight refueling from a KC-135 from an Arizona Air National Guard unit based out of Phoenix. (U.S. Air Force photo)

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UNIT MISSIONS

- » **355th Fighter Wing:** Deploy, employ, support, and sustain attack airpower in support of Combatant Commanders anywhere in the world at a moment's notice. Trains the finest attack pilots for the Combat Air Forces. Provides every member of Team D-M with responsive, tailored, mission-focused base support.
 - **355th Operations Group:** Provides warfighters with forces for close air support, forward air control, combat search and rescue. Includes the 355th Operations Support Squadrons, 355th Training Squadron, 354th Fighter Squadron and 357th Fighter Squadron.
 - **355th Maintenance Group:** : Supports the 355th Fighter Wing and associated units by performing all on- and off-equipment maintenance operations for aircraft, aerospace equipment, and munitions. Includes the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, and 355th Maintenance Operations Flight.
 - **355th Mission Support Group:** Removes obstacles keeping others from completing their missions. Includes the 355th Force Support Squadron, 355th Communications Squadron, 355th Contracting Squadron, 355th Security Forces Squadron, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, and 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron.
 - **355th Medical Group:** Ensures the combat medical readiness of the Desert Lightning Team for global contingencies. Includes the 355th Medical Operations Squadron, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 355th Dental Squadron, and 355th Medical Support Squadron.
- » **12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern):** Ensures the readiness of nine active duty wings and one direct reporting unit for global contingency operations. It oversees 17 gained Air Reserve Component Wings and employs 15 airframes totaling 674 aircraft with over 55,000 Airmen. As the air and space component to U.S. Southern Command, Air Forces Southern conducts security cooperation and provides air, space and cyberspace capabilities throughout the 31 nations of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- » **563rd Rescue Group:** Directs flying operations for the U.S. Air Force's only active duty rescue wing dedicated to combat search and rescue. The group is responsible for organizing, training, and equipping rescue forces to rapidly deploy and execute worldwide Rescue missions. Includes the 563rd Operations Support Squadron, 79th Rescue Squadron, 55th Rescue Squadron, 48th Rescue Squadron, 66th Rescue Squadron, and 58th Rescue Squadron.
- » **55th Electronic Combat Group:** Trains, plans, and executes worldwide electronic warfare operations by disrupting vital information to enemy weapons systems and battlefield command and control through electronic attack. Includes the 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, 42nd Electronic Combat Squadron, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and 755th Operations Support Squadron.



Top to Bottom: Photos of Davis-Monthan AFB and Tucson in 1929 (top), 1942 (middle), and 2007 (bottom). (U.S. Air Force photos)

COMMANDER RANK

Colonel
Chief Master Sergeant

- » **309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (“309 AMARG”):** Provides aircraft regeneration, storage and preservation, critical aircraft parts reclamation, limited overflow depot maintenance, and aircraft disposal in support of the Department of Defense, allied warfighters, and other government agencies. Serves as a heavy bomber storage, conversion, and elimination site under the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.”
- » **1st Battlefied Coordination Detachment:** Represents Joint Task Force/ Coalition Forces Land Component Command in the Combined Air Operations Center and provides ground liaison/reconnaissance detachments to designated U.S. Air Force units.
- » **943rd Rescue Group - Air Force Reserve Command:** Provides leadership, management, policy formulation, planning and standardization for operations, training and support of the Air Force Active, Guard and Reserve Personnel Recovery operations. Includes five squadrons, two flights, and one geographically separated squadron.
- » **214th Reconnaissance Group - Arizona Air National Guard:** Provides theater combatant commands, 24/7, long-endurance, real-time intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance (ISR), target acquisition, and precision munitions delivery. Operates multi-sensor platform to locate, identify, report, and destroy battlefield targets as dictated by the tactical situation.
- » **162nd Fighter Wing - Arizona Air National Guard:** Supports the Aerospace Control Alert mission providing F-16 alert forces for air defense of the southwestern United States and personnel to manage the National Guard Bureau’s “Operation Snowbird” program located at Davis-Monthan AFB.
- » **372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 11 (“DET 11”), Air Education and Training Command:** Provides aircraft maintenance training in support of the A-10C, HH-60G, HC-130P, EC-130 and F-16 weapons systems. Manages the U.S. Air Force's only A-10 Mission Ready Airman School that provides initial skills training for over 200 crew chiefs annually and supplements the Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) program. Also manages the U.S. Air Force's only Continental United States and Pacific Air Force Miniature and Micro-miniature Circuit Card Repair training facility, providing critical training for Air Force Repair Enhancement Personnel.
- » **Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI):** Provides the full range of investigative major crimes support to the 355th Wing, Headquarters 12th Air Force, and other Air Force and Department of Defense activities.
- » **US Customs and Border Protection - Department of Homeland Security:** Protects our nation's borders, which includes the interception of aircraft smuggling contraband into or out of the United States and the prevention of unlawful entry by people or other commodities into the United States.



Above: A photo of the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group “Boneyard” (U.S. Air Force Photo)

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Host unit is the 355th Fighter Wing
- » Dedicated by Charles Lindberg after returning from his maiden voyage across the Atlantic Ocean flying the “Spirit of St. Louis”
- » Home to the roughly 2,600-acre, \$32 billion, 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG) “Boneyard,” which stores more than 4,000 aircraft
- » In addition to a number of U.S. Air Force units, Davis-Monthan AFB is home to branches of the U.S. Navy and the Department of Homeland Security
- » Soon to host one of the largest solar powered communities in the continental United States
- » Does not have any known endangered or threatened species, but does have burrowing owls



- » **Defense Investigative Service:** Conducts personnel security investigations on military members, Department of Defense civilians, and employees of defense contractors to determine their suitability for access to classified defense information and other investigations as assigned by the Secretary of Defense.
- » **Naval Inventory Control Point Field Support Office (FSO):** Represents U.S. Navy and Marine Corps functions related to the storage, withdrawal, maintenance, reclamation, and disposal workload of Navy and Marine aircrafts, engines and special production tooling. FSO also serves as the liaison and coordinator of Navy projects between Aerospace Maintenance And Regeneration Group and all Navy commands. FSO is a part of the Naval Inventory Control Point's Customer Operations Division.
- » **Radar Approach Control - Federal Aviation Administration:** Provides assistance for separating aircrafts flying within the Tucson area's Class "C" airspace, from 17,000 feet above sea level and below. Services include traffic advisories and safety alerts.