

Colorado National Guard

COLORADO AIR NATIONAL GUARD: Colorado

The Colorado Air National Guard (COANG) is an element of the Colorado National Guard and a component of the U.S. Air Force. The COANG is primarily located on Buckley Air Force Base, Aurora, Colo., with two geographically separated units in Greeley and Colorado Springs.

The COANG was the first Air National Guard unit to be federally recognized in 1946, and established the first stand-alone ANG base in 1960.

The 140th Wing encompasses all the Colorado Air National Guard's diverse assets. Under Air Combat Command, the 140th Operations Group flies the F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft in support of combat operations and



is on alert 24/7 in support of Homeland Security. The group also operates a DV airlift mission under Air Mobility Command, flying C-21 Learjets out of Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs.

The COANG was the first ANG unit to have a space mission and under Air Force Space Command, operates a 24/7, space-based missile warning mission out of Greeley Air National Guard Station with their Mobile Ground System.

The Wing's 240th Civil Engineer Flight, under Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, provides engineering and design expertise to units around the world.



In addition, the Wing includes support staffs who take care of everything from maintaining equipment to providing administrative and medical care. Of the approximately 1500 Airmen in the unit, sixty percent are Traditional Guardsmen.



Above: Colorado Air National Guard Airmen from the 233d Space Group, load a Mission Vehicle 118 onto a Boeing C-17 Globemaster III at Buckley Air Force Base, Colo. (Air National Guard photo)

Left: An F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft, flown by the 120th Fighter Squadron, 140th Wing, soars above Buckley Air Force Base during a routine training mission. (Air National Guard photo)

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide mission ready Air and Space Forces to Combatant Commanders and support to our community, state, and nation.

VISION STATEMENT

To be the model wing for the next generation militia, responding to the changing needs of our community, state, and nation.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Buckley AFB, Aurora, Colorado. (Tenant units located at Peterson AFB, CO and Greeley ANG, CO)**
- » Land Area: **150 acres**
- » Full Time Military: **600+**
- » Traditional Force: **900+**

CONTACT

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UNIT MISSIONS

- » **Colorado Air National Guard, Headquarters:** Commands, controls, and supervises Air National Guard units within Colorado. Air National Guard Headquarters is the Adjutant General's senior staff and provides information, evaluation, issue resolution, and action recommendations regarding the Air National Guard.
- » **140th Wing:** Provides mission ready Air and Space Forces to Combatant Commanders and support to our community, state and nation. Missions include homeland operations, security cooperation and warfighting endeavors.
 - **140th Operations Group:** Responsible for the operation of the 140th Wing, providing aircrew to execute the Wing's missions.
 - **120th Fighter Squadron:** Operates the F-16 Fighting Falcon and is qualified to perform air-to-air and air-to-ground missions, including offensive counter-air (OCA), defensive counter-air (DCA), close air support (CAS), and combat search and rescue (CSAR) missions.
 - **200th Airlift Squadron:** Operates the C-21A Learjet providing secure priority airlift for the highest level of military and civilian leaders throughout the world. Located at Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, CO
 - **140th Maintenance Group:** Provides all the aircraft generation and maintenance functions for the wing.
 - **140th Mission Support Group:** Responsible for all base support functions to include communications, security, civil engineering, bioenvironmental engineering, logistics, personnel, and contracting operations.
 - **140th Medical Group:** Provides medical support and assistance to flying and non-flying personnel. Ensures individual medical and deployment readiness.
 - **233d Space Group:** Provides immediate, worldwide missile warning, space launch, and nuclear detection to the National Command Authority through the only strategic, survivable, mobile ground system in the US Air Force. Located at Greeley Air National Guard Station, Greeley, CO



Above: A Colorado Air National Guard Explosive Ordnance Disposal operator conducts post attack reconnaissance sweeps during a four-day wartime readiness inspection at Buckley AFB, Colo. (Air National Guard photo)



Above: Personnel from the 233d Space Group prepare to set up their mission vehicles during an exercise. The Guard members conduct a mobile space missile defense mission and train consistently to be ready for a real world scenario. (Air National Guard photo)

COMMANDER RANK

Brigadier General

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » First Air National Guard unit to be federally recognized in 1946
- » Historic home of the only ANG aerial demonstration team, the Minutemen
- » Supports two 24/7 alert missions
- » Hosts routine military exchanges with Jordan and Slovenia through the state partnership program
- » First NG unit with a space mission

For more information, please see < <http://www.140wg.ang.af.mil/> >