



Arizona National Guard

162ND WING: ARIZONA

The 162nd wing is the largest Air National Guard fighter wing in the country and resides on 94 acres next to Tucson International Airport which is a joint civilian-military public airport located south of the central business area of Tucson, Arizona. Tucson IAP is the second largest airport in Arizona. The military began using the airport in 1956.

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The 162nd Fighter Wing contributes approximately \$280 million to the local economy.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Tucson, AZ (Pima County)**
- » Land Area: **98 acres**
- » Special Use Airspace: **96,000 nautical miles²**
- » Sorties/Operations: **13,400 per year**
- » Military Personnel: **Approx. 1600**
- » Civilian Personnel: **Approx. 20**

Military Asset List 2016



Above: Members of the 162nd raise the flag at the Tucson IAP. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Left: Members of 162nd Fighter Wing flying F-16 Fighting Falcons over Tucson. (U.S. Air Force photo)

MISSION STATEMENT

The Wing serves the United States and allied nations by providing the finest fighter training programs in the world, by deploying combat and combat supports forces to support contingency operations and by performing Aerospace Control Alert in the defense of North America

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UNIT MISSIONS

- » **162nd Fighter Wing:** Serves the United States and allied nations by maintaining F-16 aircraft and qualified instructors for trianing personnel in support of U.S. and partner nation requirements; provide persistent, armed MQ-1 ISR and IAA capabilities to sustain national and state interests; support NORAD Air Control Alert directives with 24/7 immediate response aircraft in the defense of North America; and deliver an integrated realistic training environment for U.S. and partner nation deployments to enhance unit combat capabilities and readiness. The Wing's Federal mission is to maintain well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization during war and provide assistance during national emergencies such as natural disasters or civil disturbances. Under state law, the Wing provides protection of life, property, and preserves peace, order, and public safety. In addition to geographically separate units at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and Fort Huachuca, the 162nd Wing includes the Headquarters Squadron and the following groups:
 - **162nd Operations Group:** Provides the world’s finest F-16 instruction ensuring accomplishment of the Wing’s primary training mission. Conducts flying operations in the F-16 C/D and Mid-Life Update aircraft for both United States and allied partner pilots. Includes the Operation Support Flight, 162nd Training Squadron, International Military Student Office, and the 148th, 152nd, and 195th Fighter Squadrons.
 - **162nd Maintenance Group:** Provides outstanding primary support functions for the largest fighter wing in the Air National Guard. Approximately 780 Guardsmen assigned to the group perform several levels of maintenance on 70 F-16C/D and Mid-Life Update Fighting Falcons. Includes the Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Maintenance Squadron, Maintenance Operations Flight, and Quality Assurance.
 - **162nd Medical Group:** Ensures mission accomplishment by monitoring and providing for the health and well-being of the Wing’s personnel including temporary student pilots.
 - **162nd Mission Support Group:** Provides outstanding primary support functions for the largest full-time force in the Air National Guard. Encompassing a diversity of functions, the Mission Support Group includes the civil engineers and fire department, communications, contracting, logistics readiness, military and civilian personnel, security forces, and base services. Includes 162nd Communications Flight, Contracting Office, 162nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, 162nd Mission Support Flight, 162nd Security Forces Squadron, and 162nd Services Flight.
 - **214th Reconnaissance Group:** This unit has detachments at Davis-Monthan and Fort Huachuca. The detachment at Davis-Monthan flies the MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle in daily combat missions via satellite, providing troops on the ground with almost around the clock intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. The hangar and support facilities for the launch and recovery unit at Fort Huachuca are in the final stages of completion. Once complete the facilities will house four MQ-1 Predator drones. This unit will train pilots and senor operators to conduct takeoffs and landings, one of five such units in the United States. In the future the unit will work with stateside partners fulfill state missions as required.



Above: 162nd Fighter Wing patch.

COMMANDER RANK

Colonel

TESTING & TRAINING RANGES

Barry M. Goldwater Range Complex

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Established in 1956
- » The 162nd Fighter Wing has more than 43 years of experience in fighter training, and more than 23 years of experience in international military training
- » The 162nd Wing has graduated more than 7,000 fighter pilots since 1969
- » Wing instructor pilots average more than 3,000 fighter hours
- » Aircraft maintainers average 18 years of experience in fighter aircraft