

U.S. Air Force

MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE : CALIFORNIA

March Air Reserve Base (“March ARB”) is located between the cities of Moreno Valley and Riverside in Southern California. This region is one of the most populated, fastest growing areas in the State of California.

Established in 1918, March ARB has been a key element in the advancement of aviation and in the growth of the modern Air Force



for more than 90 years. Its host unit is the 452nd Air Mobility Wing, which provides personnel to operate the KC-135 Stratotanker and C-17 Globemaster III. The

wing is also the Air Force Reserve’s largest and only unit-equipped air mobility wing. In addition, March ARB is home to units from the California National Guard; the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps reserves; and is the Headquarters for the Air Reserve Command’s 4th Air Force.

March ARB has an estimated economic impact of \$521 million on the local economy.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Riverside County, CA**
- » Land Area: **7,648 acres**
- » Military Operations: **~51,000 per year**
- » Military Personnel: **5,000**
- » Civilian Personnel: **1,750**



Above: A KC-135 Stratotanker from the 336th Air Refueling Squadron refuels a C-17 Globemaster III over the Black Sea. The 336th, along with troops from the 452nd Air Mobility Wing, including the 452nd Maintenance Group, went to Turkey as an air refueling aviation package. Their mission was to make sure the KC-135 Stratotankers arrived safe and on time at their refueling destinations. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Left: Airmen from the U.S. Air Force Academy precision-parachute team, Wings of Blue, jump from a C-130H Hercules aircraft during the Airfest 2006, an air show at March ARB. In 2010, the airshow had an estimated attendance of 150,000 people. (U.S. Air Force photo)

MISSION STATEMENT

March ARB relies on the Southern California region’s expansive open spaces and highly valued airspace to conduct operations, training, and numerous missions sustaining ongoing operations around the world.

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UNIT MISSIONS

- » **Headquarters, 4th Air Force:** Directs the activities and supervises the equipping and training of Air Force Reservists in unit programs across the continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, and Guam.
- » **452nd Air Mobility Wing:** Conducts essential training, mid-air refueling, and transport of equipment and personnel in airspace across Southern California using C-17 Globemaster III and KC-135R Stratotanker aircraft. Includes the 452 Air Mobility Wing Staff office and the following groups:
 - **452nd Operations Group:** Organizes, trains, and equips aircrews to provide air refueling and strategic airlift any time, any place. Includes the 336th Air Refueling Squadron, 729th Airlift Squadron, 452nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 452nd Operations Support Squadron, and 452nd Airlift Control Flight.
 - **452nd Maintenance Group:** Provides fully trained personnel in areas of KC-135 Stratotanker and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft maintenance to the 452nd Air Mobility Wing. Includes the 452nd Maintenance Operations Squadron, 452nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 752nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 452nd Maintenance Squadron.
 - **452nd Mission Support Group:** Provides home station services required for combat ready unit equipped air mobility wing to deploy and employ. Includes the 452nd Mission Support Squadron, 452nd Civil Engineering Squadron, 452nd Services Squadron, 452nd Security Forces Squadron, 452nd Communications Squadron, 50th Aerial Port Squadron, 56th Aerial Port Squadron, 452nd Aerial Port Support Flight, and 452nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.
 - **452nd Medical Group:** Handles all medical issues and the readiness of the 452nd Medical Squadron, the 752nd Medical Squadron, and the 452nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron.
- » **144th Fighter Wing (California Air National Guard):** Flies F-16 Fighting Falcons as part of an ongoing national security mission providing homeland security support and response to state emergencies.
- » **163rd Attack Wing (California Air National Guard):** Organizes, trains, and equips airmen to provide air, space, cyberspace, and support capabilities to the state and nation using MQ-1 Predator remotely piloted aircraft.
- » **Defense Media Center, Television-Audio Support Activity:** Houses the American Forces Network Broadcast Center (AFN-BC), the sole programming source for military radio and television outlets overseas. AFN-BC serves American service men and women and DoD civilians, and their families, stationed in over 175 countries around the globe as well as on Navy ships at sea.
- » **The U.S. Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC):** Monitors and tracks aircraft flying in U.S. airspace. AMOC receives information from remotely piloted aircraft that patrol the border with Mexico.



Above: Airmen loading a pallet of supplies onto a U.S. Air Force C-17A Globemaster III at March ARB. The supplies are in route to Japan for earthquake relief efforts. (U.S. Air Force photo)

COMMANDER RANK

Brigadier General

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » 452nd Air Mobility Wing is largest air mobility wing in the Air Reserve Command's 4th Air Force
- » Contains one of oldest airfields in nation
- » Contains the March Field Museum, and the Riverside National Cemetery
- » Contains the Defense Media Center and the Digital Visual Information Center
- » Hosts the annual March Field Airfest
- » Located near Moreno Valley, one of California's fastest growing cities



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- » **The Aerial Port of Embarkation (APOE) Center:** Conducts deployment and redeployment operations for the DoD and other federal agencies located in the Southern California area. Specifically, March ARB transports troops and supplies from the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms and other Southern California installations.
- » **March Joint Powers Authority (JPA):** Evaluates development projects, conducts environmental reviews, and grants land use entitlements. March JPA is responsible for the planning and redevelopment of property that was once part of March ARB. It includes representatives from the County of Riverside and the cities of Moreno Valley, Perris, and Riverside. Each jurisdiction selects two of its elected officials to serve on the governing body of March JPA.
- » **701st Combat Operations Squadron:** Provides battle staff support for real time contingency response in the area of the Korean Peninsula.
- » **362nd Air Force Recruiting Squadron:** Inspires, engages, and recruits the brightest, most competitive and diverse men and women for service in America's Air Force.
- » **Defense Visual Information Center:** Stores and preserves visual information records of the U.S. military.
- » **304th Sustainment Brigade:** Provides command and control for combat service and combat service support units.
- » **358th Civil Affairs Brigade:** Organizes, trains, equips, and resources Army Reserve Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations forces for worldwide support to regional combatant commanders and other agencies as directed.
- » **Civil Air Patrol (CAP), Squadron 45:** Volunteer group that performs three congressionally assigned key missions: emergency services, which includes search and rescue (by air and ground) and disaster relief operations; aerospace education for youth and the general public; and cadet programs for teenage youth.
- » **653rd Area Support Group, Army Reserve Center**
- » **Department of Homeland Security**

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