

# McConnell Air Force Base



Mission Wichita 2026

# TEAM MCCONNELL



22ND ARW



COL. JOSEPH WALL  
COMMANDER



184TH WING



COL. JOSEPH DEEDS  
COMMANDER



931ST ARW



COL. JOHN REED  
COMMANDER



COL. AARON STRODE  
DEPUTY COMMANDER



COL. CRAIG COOPER  
DEPUTY COMMANDER



COL. SHAWN MOSHER  
DEPUTY COMMANDER



CMSGT MARKIESHA CRAWFORD  
COMMAND CHIEF



CMSGT STEPHEN VOGT  
COMMAND CHIEF



CMSGT DAVID PALADINO  
COMMAND CHIEF

# MCCONNELL COMPONENTS

## 22nd Air Refueling Wing

Active Duty

### -22<sup>nd</sup> Operations Group

22<sup>nd</sup> Operations Support Squadron 344<sup>th</sup> Air  
Refueling Squadron, 349<sup>th</sup> ARS & 350<sup>th</sup> ARS

### -22<sup>nd</sup> Maintenance Group

22<sup>nd</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
22<sup>nd</sup> Maintenance Squadron

### -22<sup>nd</sup> Mission Support Group

22<sup>nd</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron  
22<sup>nd</sup> Communications Squadron  
22<sup>nd</sup> Contracting Squadron  
22<sup>nd</sup> Force Support Squadron  
22<sup>nd</sup> Security Forces Squadron

### -22<sup>nd</sup> Medical Group

22<sup>nd</sup> Operational Medical Readiness Squadron  
22<sup>nd</sup> Healthcare Operations Squadron

### -Wing Staff Agencies

Chapel  
Judge Advocate  
Safety  
Public Affairs  
Command Post  
Inspector General



# 931st Air Refueling Wing

## Air Force Reserve

### -931<sup>st</sup> Operations Group

18<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron

924<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron

905<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron

### -931<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Group

931<sup>st</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

931<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Squadron

### -931<sup>st</sup> Mission Support Group

931<sup>st</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron

931<sup>st</sup> Force Support Squadron

931<sup>st</sup> Security Forces Squadron

931<sup>st</sup> Aerospace Medicine Squadron



# 184th Wing Air National Guard

## -184th Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance Group

161st Intelligence Squadron  
184th Intelligence Support Squadron  
184th Operations Support Squadron

## -184th Cyberspace Operations Group

127th Cyberspace Operations Squadron  
177th Information Aggressor Squadron  
299th Network Operations Squadron

## -184th Regional Support Group

134th Air Control Squadron  
284<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron  
Detachment 1 – Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range

## -184th Mission Support Group

184<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, 184<sup>th</sup> Force Support  
Squadron, 184<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron & 184<sup>th</sup>  
Security Forces Squadron

## -184th Medical Group



# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RANKS & INSIGNIAS

## ENLISTED

E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6	E-7		E-8		E-9		SEA	
AIR FORCE													
No Insignia													
Airman Basic (AB)	Airman (Amn)	Airman First Class (A1C)	Senior Airman (SrA)	Staff Sergeant (SSgt)	Technical Sergeant (TSgt)	Master Sergeant (MSgt)	First Sergeant (FS)	Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt)	First Sergeant (FS)	Chief Master Sergeant (CMSgt)	First Sergeant (FS)	Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCM)	Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

## OFFICER

O-1	O-2	O-3	O-4	O-5	O-6	O-7	O-8	O-9	O-10	Special <sup>1</sup>
										
Second Lieutenant	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major	Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel	Brigadier General	Major General	Lieutenant General	General	General of the Air Force

# MCCONNELL AFB HISTORY

1954

Wichita Air Force Base is rededicated to two of the "three of a kind" McConnell Flying Brothers. Fred and Thomas, for their World War II fame.



1963

381st Strategic Missile Wing mans 18 Titan II intercontinental ballistic missile.

1987

The 184th takes on the B-1 Lancer Mission.





## 1994

The 22nd Air Refueling Wing became the host wing of McConnell Air Force Base.

## 1999

Base officials add Edwin to the dedication of the installation.



## 2019

The first KC-46 Pegasus arrives at McConnell to begin the next generation of air refueling.

# LT. ERWIN BLECKLEY

Second Lt. Erwin Bleckley, Wichita native, belonged to Battery F of the First Field Artillery. When the United States entered World War I, his unit became the One Hundred and Thirteenth Field Artillery and was sent to join the fight in Europe.

Shortly after, Bleckley crossed over into the field of becoming an aerial observer. In summer of 1918 he was assigned to the Fifth Aero Squadron, where he flew his first flying mission.

On October 6, 1918, Bleckley was flying his first sortie of the day when he was attacked by German army. When Bleckley's commander warned a second sortie would be even more dangerous, Bleckley replied, "We'll make this delivery or die in the attempt."



Bleckley's plane went down and he died on the way to the hospital. He was the only Wichita resident to have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, on the one hundredth anniversary of his death.

McConnell hosted a renaming ceremony in 2019, in honor of Bleckley where Signature's Lounge was changed to Bleckley Lounge.

# Common Air Force Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
ACE	Agile Combat Exercise
AFI	Air Force Instruction
AFMAN	Air Force Manual
AFSC	Air Force Specialty Code
BMT	Basic Military Training
COB	Close of Business
DFAC	Dining Facility
FOD	Foreign Object Debris
FPCON	Force Protection Condition
GOV	Government Owned Vehicle
MAJCOM	Major Command
NAF	Numbered Air Force
PCS	Permanent Change of Station
SA	Situational Awareness
SEL	Senior Enlisted Leader
SME	Subject Matter Expert
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
TDY	Temporary Duty

# AIR FORCE TRADITIONS

## Challenge Coin

Challenge coins are normally presented by unit commanders in recognition of special achievement by a member of the unit. Traditionally, they might be given to prove membership when challenged and to enhance morale.



## Change of Command

A change of command is a military tradition that represents a formal transfer of authority and responsibility for a unit from one commanding officer to another.



## Mustache March

Each March, some Airmen participate in Mustache March, a tradition where Airmen grow mustaches to honor Air Force legend and triple ace Brig. Gen. Robin Olds.



# Air Force Ball/Gala

A formal celebration of the Air Force's birthday, Sept. 18, 1947.



# Salute

A formal greeting to show respect when approaching an officer outdoors or reporting to an officer. The junior-ranking individual brings up a flat hand to his/her brim of a hat or eyebrow if not wearing cover until senior-ranking individual raises and lowers their salute.

