## AT A GLANCE JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, VA.

#### **«** MAJOR **UNITS:**

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

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That proving ground became known as Langley Field.

AIR COMBAT COMMAND

**TRAINING & DOCTRINE COMMAND** 

1st FIGHTER WING

7th TRANSPORTATION BRIGADE (EXPEDITIONARY)

192nd FIGHTER WING

JOINT TASK FORCE - CIVIL SUPPORT

633rd AIR BASE WING

128th AVIATION BRIGADE

480th ISR WING

93rd SIGNAL BRIGADE

363rd ISR WING

#### **>>>** KEY **MISSIONS:**

AIR COMBAT
TRAINING
INTELLIGENCE

TRANSPORTATION
SUPPORT
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT





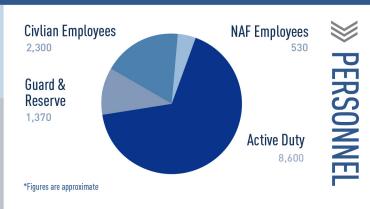
## LANGLEY AFB \*\*\*

#### **MISSION SETS:**

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- **AIR COMBAT**
- **CYBER & INTELLIGENCE**
- - **MEDICINE**
- **SECURITY**
- **LOGISTICS**
- **ENGINEERING**
- Marill
- **SUPPORT**

# UICK **FACTS**

- » Founded in 1916
- » First mission was flown in 1917
- » Named after aviation pioneer Samuel Pierpont Langley
- Eddie Rickenbacker, WWII's top flying ace, flew with the 94th FS
- » Runway length: 10,000 feet
- » 3,167 acres, 600 of which are wetlands
- **»** Approx. 40 F-22s



#### **WHISTORY:**

Langley Air Force Base, Va., is among the oldest continuously active air bases in the United States. In 1916, the National Advisory Council for Aeronautics, predecessor to NASA, established the need for a joint airfield and proving ground for Army, Navy and NACA aircraft. In 1917, the new proving ground was designated Langley Field for one of America's early air pioneers, Samuel Pierpont Langley.

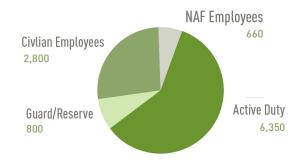
In the early 1920s, Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell led bombing runs from Langley over captured German warships anchored off the coast of Virginia. These first successful tests set the precedent for the airplane's new role of strategic bombardment. At the outbreak of World War II, Langley took on a new mission to develop special detector equipment used in antisubmarine warfare. Langley units played a vital role in the sinking of enemy submarines off the United States coast during the war.

The arrival of Tactical Air Command on May 25, 1946, marked the beginning of a new era in the history of the field, and in January 1948, Langley Field officially became Langley Air Force Base. On June 1, 1992, Langley became the headquarters of the newly formed Air Combat Command, as Tactical Air Command was inactivated as part of the Air Force's restructuring.

On Jan. 7, 2010, the 9th AF reactivated the 633 ABW and declared it to be the host unit for Langley AFB, Va. On Jan. 29, 2010, the 633 ABW became the link in the joint-basing initiative between Langley AFB and Fort Eustis, which we call today Joint Base Langley-Eustis.

## Service FORT EUSTIS





\*Figures are approximate

#### **>>> HISTORY:**

For more than 95 years, Fort Eustis has had a proud heritage of supporting our nation's combat forces. During the colonial period, Fort Eustis was known as Mulberry Island. It was the home of John Rolfe, husband of Native American princess Pocahontas.

On March 17, 1918, the U.S. Army purchased Mulberry Island and the surrounding acreage for \$538,000 in response to World War I. Camp Abraham Eustis (named for Brevit Brig. Gen. Abraham Eustis, the first commanding officer of Fort Monroe) was established as a coast artillery replacement center for nearby Fort Monroe, as well as a balloon observation school.

In 1923, the camp became Fort Eustis, and was garrisoned by artillery and infantry units until 1931, when it became a federal prison, primarily for bootleggers. Prohibition's repeal forced a decline in prisoners, and the post was taken over by various military and non-military activities.

Fort Eustis reopened as a military installation in August 1940. In 1946, the fort became home to the newly-formed U.S. Army Transportation School. Training in rail, marine, amphibious operations and other modes of transportation was consolidated at Fort Eustis.

As part of the Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005, Fort Eustis' installation management functions were transferred to the U.S. Air Force at nearby Langley Air Force Base. Full transfer of authority occurred October 1, 2010, and Joint Base Langley-Eustis achieved its full operational capability.

#### **MISSION SETS:**

**AVIATION** 



**TRAINING & DOCTRINE** 



**TRANSPORTATION** 



MARITIME OPS



**COMMAND & CONTROL** 



**SIGNAL** 



**SUPPORT** 



- » Founded in 1918
- Served as an Army training facility for artillery, a prison for prohibition offenders, and a work camp for the Works Progress Administration
- Whome to the Matthew Jones House, a historic plantation house built ca. 1725
- » One of 32 installations with railroad operations
- » Approx. 7900 acres

**QUICK FACTS** 

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