

AIR FORCE FLIGHT TEST CENTER



LINEAGE

Established as Air Force Flight Test Center and organized on 25 Jun 1951

STATIONS

Edwards AFB, CA, 25 Jun 1951

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Research and Development (later Air Force Systems) Command, 25 Jun 1951

Air Force Materiel Command, 1 Jul 1992

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

BG Irving Branch, #1961

MG Hugh B. Manson, #1967

BG Robert M. White, #1971

Maj. Gen. Roy D. Bridges Jr. July 1992-May 1993

Brig. Gen. Richard L. Engel May 1993-June 1998

Brig. Gen. Richard V. Reynolds June 1998-June 2001

Maj. Gen. Wilbert D. Pearson Jr. June 2001-Sept. 2004

Brig. Gen. Curtis M. Bedke Sept. 2004-Oct. 2007

Maj. Gen. David J. Eichhorn Oct. 2007-Oct 2010

Brig. Gen. Robert C. Nolan II Oct. 2010-Present

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
1 Jan 1987-31 Dec 1988

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Jan 1975-31 Dec 1976
1 Jan 1979-31 Dec 1980
1 Jan 1983-31 Dec 1984

EMBLEM

Approved on 14 May 1953, modified on 15 Nov 2007

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

7/8/2012 -The Air Force Flight Test Center will be re-designated as the Air Force Test Center during a ceremony here July 13. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, the commander of Air Force Materiel Command, will preside over the ceremony. During the ceremony, the 95th Air Base Wing will transition to the 412th Test Wing, although both unit changes became effective July 6. The Air Force Test Center will play a critical role in developmental test and evaluation for AFMC's air and ground systems and is an essential cornerstone to the command's consolidation initiative from 12 centers to five. The 5-Center construct will increase efficiencies, reduce redundancies in management overhead and in acquisitions processes, and save approximately \$109 million annually. Ultimately, the consolidation ensures the command will improve the way it accomplishes the mission, providing better support to the warfighter, officials said. Brig. Gen. Arnold W. Bunch Jr. will lead the center and will oversee work at not only Edwards Air Force Base, but also at Eglin AFB, Fla., and Arnold AFB, Tenn., which was re-designated the Arnold Engineering and Development Complex on July 6. At Eglin AFB, the 96th Air Base Wing will be re-designated the 96th Test Wing on July 18. Missions at each location will continue. In addition to the Air Force Test Center, the Air Force Sustainment Center at Tinker AFB, Okla.; the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center and Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; and the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center at Kirtland AFB, N.M., make up AFMC's 5-Center construct. Initial operation capability is scheduled for October 1, officials said, with full operational capability planned for mid-2013. 2012



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Sources

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