TRAVIS AFB
PROJECTING AMERICAN POWER
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HISTORY

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Although Travis is home to the largest airlift organization in the Air Force, it began as an isolated airstrip with a few tar paper shacks set in the middle of a wind-swept prairie during World War II. The field was named Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, after the two closest, mostly agricultural towns. The base was first planned shortly after the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, serving as the home for medium bombers and fighters assigned to defend the West Coast.

The first runway and temporary buildings were constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers in the summer of 1942. They were used initially by Army and Navy fighter planes for takeoff and landing practice. For a few months, the outline of an aircraft carrier's deck was painted on the runway to help newly-commissioned Navy pilots practice maneuvers. The strong local prevailing winds nearly duplicated those at sea.

Shortly after construction began, the base's potential as a major aerial port and supply transfer point for the Pacific theater led the Army Air Corps to assign it to the newly-designated Air Transport Command. The base officially opened on June 1, 1943, with a primary mission of preparing various military aircraft, mainly bombers and transports, for the Pacific war zone and ferrying them to that region.

Travis Air Force Base is named in honor of Brigadier General Robert F. Travis who was killed when his B-29 crashed on the installation August 5, 1950. At the time of his death, General Travis was the commander of the 5th Strategic Reconnaissance and 9th Bombardment Wings. General Travis' popularity and the shock of his death led base officials and the local community to sponsor renaming the base in his honor. The proposal was favored in Washington D.C., and on April 21, 1951, the base was re-named Travis Air Force Base.

From 1969 to the present, the 60th and 349th Air Mobility Wings have worked closely to make Travis one of the best and most versatile bases in the United States Air Force. The base provided continuous airlift support in the face of world-wide contingencies for decades prior to adding air refueling to its mission in September 1994.

Once a major hub for transporting passengers and cargo in the Pacific, Travis has become an integral part of the total force. The base is now called upon to perform its mission anywhere in the world at a moment’s notice.

KC-10 EXTENDER

USAF
Aerial Tanker

619 MPH
Mach 0.825

$88.4M
FY 98 Dollars

356K LBS
Max Fuel Load

C-17 GLOBEMASTER III

USAF
Cargo Transport

517 MPH
Mach 0.74

$202.3M
FY 98 Dollars

170.9K LBS
Max Cargo Laod

C-5M SUPER GALAXY

USAF
Cargo Transport

518 MPH
Mach 0.74

$90M
FY 09 Dollars

270K LBS
Max Cargo Laod

AMERICA'S FINEST MOBILITY FORCE

SERVING LOCALLY, ENGAGING GLOBALLY

Strategically located on the western seaboard of the United States, Travis Air Force Base is a power projection platform for the U.S. armed forces in the Pacific theater. As the Air Force's largest air mobility installation, Travis serves as a focal point and pillar of the United States' ability to project American power against our adversaries as well as deliver hope to those in need. Travis features five major weapon systems, including cargo and air refueling aircraft, Trravis is home to the largest Aerial Port on the West Coast and the Air Force's flagship medical center.

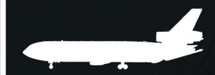
$1.65 BILLION
Total economic impact

40,000+
Members of Team Travis

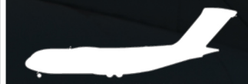
$16.9 BILLION
In assets and expenditures

LIMITLESS
Projection of American power

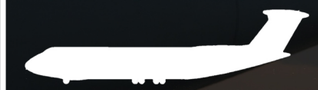
FIVE MAJOR WEAPON SYSTEMS



27 KC-10 Extenders



13 C-17 Globemaster IIIs



18 C-5M Super Galaxies

Largest West Coast Aerial Port

USAF's Flagship Medical Center

Our purpose is to ensure the Air Force can always provide responsive and effective Global Vigilance—Global Reach—Global Power. These are what we deliver to the nation in peacetime and war. We are a globally responsive force - always ready. We measure our responsiveness in minutes and hours, not weeks or months. Our reliable rapid global mobility shrinks the planet, allowing for enhanced awareness and presence for our joint forces around the world. Whether we are in a leading or supporting role, Travis AFB is a crucial tenet to projecting American power around the world. Put simply, our capabilities underwrite our nation's security. This is a responsibility we value, and will always hold sacred. Our Airmen are not confined to the boundaries of Northern California, having continuously engaged in contingency operations to include the U.S.-led coalition to defeat ISIS in the Middle East, deterring our adversaries in the Pacific theater and providing aid during relief and humanitarian operations such as Hurricanes Sandy, Harvey and Irma.

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AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION
MISSION SETS
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