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Although Travis is home to the largest airlift organization in the Air Force, it began as Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, an isolated airstrip set in the middle of a wind-swept prairie during World War II.

The first runway and temporary buildings were constructed in the summer of 1942. Shortly after, 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 finally opened on June 1, 1943, with a primary mission of preparing and ferrying military aircraft for the Pacific war zone.

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.

Continuing its tradition as a major strategic logistics hub for the Pacific, Travis Air Force Base has become an integral part of global power projection for the total force.



