

# STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND

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# Guide





## *From the Base Commander*

3902 AIR BASE WING (SAC)  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

Welcome to Offutt Air Force Base, home of Headquarters, Strategic Air Command.

If you are being permanently assigned, I hope you will be able to remember your tour at Offutt as a highlight in your military career.

If you are visiting our base, I hope that your visit will be a pleasant one. Come back and see us again.

*William B. Campbell*  
WILLIAM B. CAMPBELL  
Colonel, USAF  
Commander



# A Message From

**General Thomas S. Power  
Commander-in-Chief  
Strategic Air Command**

It is a pleasure to introduce to you, through the pages of this booklet, the home of Headquarters, Strategic Air Command, the control center of America's long range air striking force.

Recognized as the most powerful military force ever created, SAC represents our first-line effort to preserve world peace through full-scale preparedness. Because of the grave responsibility to the United States and to the free world we continually strive to improve the command still further.

SAC trains round-the-clock so that it can be ready to launch an immediate nuclear attack on enemy targets if war should be declared. SAC is prepared to win the air power battle in any war, big or small.

In fact, it is SAC's preparedness for general war—its constant alert status—that fits it so well for any possible local war contingency. Only a force which poses a day-to-day deterrent from its home bases is truly prepared to apply tailored pressure immediately wherever required on the globe. And, because SAC has been developed to pose a threat every minute of every day, it has a flexibility which would allow a portion to be committed to a local situation with a minimum loss of its general war preparedness.

A third world war cannot be like those of the past—it will require instantaneous counterattack,

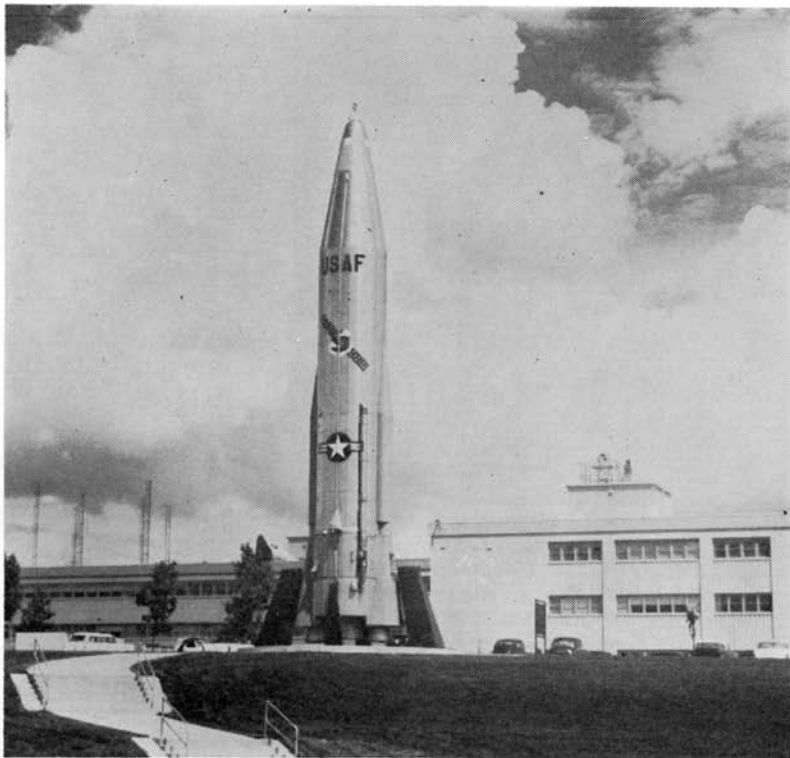
global mobility and weapons of devastating force. Present day strategic air warfare is based on missions by individual bombers, not on the mass formation tactics of World War II. One of SAC's bombers can deliver more destructive power to a target than the combined American and British bomber forces were able to deliver throughout World War II.

Each SAC Squadron has its war plans to carry out, if the orders are issued, and each crew knows its target and alternates-visually and by radar.

More than 50 per cent of SAC's crews were tested in World War II or Korea, where they learned that their jobs demanded business-like efficiency. This efficiency has been steadily enhanced and, to this end, each crew regularly flies missions similar to those it would be called upon to perform in time of war.

Behind the continuing operations and training are the people of SAC and their understanding that world peace is the Command's primary mission. They are the heart of the deterrent force which is our best hope of preventing war while we continue to work toward a peaceful solution to world problems.

This is the basis on which SAC was formed and the principle by which we in the Command work and live.



The majestic Atlas missile stands at the main entrance to Strategic Air Command's Control Center which contains all facilities necessary for the direction of its world-wide operations. A six-story structure, three of which are below ground level, the building has complete air conditioning, closed circuit color TV facilities, air purification system, and complete messing and billeting facilities.

This particular missile, similar to those included in SAC's mixed bomber-missile force, has been retired from active duty, having been used by the manufacturer for stress tests and experimental purposes.

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