

State of the Gunfighters

Address to Idaho Legislature



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RIDE HARD, SHOOT STRAIGHT, AND ALWAYS SPEAK THE TRUTH!




Gunfighters “Who We Are”

Mountain Home AFB



- 1943 - Built during World War II
- 1953 - Strategic Air Command
- 1966 - Tactical Air Command
- 1990 - Composite Wing Era
- 2018 - Organizational Experiment
- 2021 – Lead Wing Designation







The Gunfighter Story

Early Years



Today





366th Fighter Wing

Mission Statement

Prepare mission-ready Gunfighters to conduct military operations anytime, anywhere

Wing Vision

To be the Nation's most lethal and agile lead wing. One team consisting of empowered, innovative, and resilient Gunfighters



366th Fighter Wing Priorities

- Lethality

- People

- Cultivate Trust

- Deliberate Development






Air Power... What We Did



The Last 20 Years...and still supporting operations today


Gunfighters in the Fight



Over the past 12 months our Gunfighters have deployed over 2,200 Airmen to over 25 locations worldwide.

Air Power...What We Do

The Era of Great Power Competition...



AGILE COMBAT EMPLOYMENT

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On the Horizon: Lead Wing Certification

- Exercise RAGING GUNFIGHTER 22-2 – May 2022
- Exercise AGILE FLAG – TBD
- Mtn Home Range Complex as Regional Training Center*



* MHRC is being considered for USAF Regional Training Center concept



Qatar Emiri Air Force Basing

- 12 Jets
- ~300 people
 - 170 Qatari
 - 130+ US Contractors
- BL: No Decision Yet





Community Support



- Total Personnel at MHAFB: 8,273
- Total Number of Jobs Created: 6,697
- Estimated Annual Dollar Value of Jobs Created: \$88,340,000
- Total Expenditures through Construction, Service Contracts, and Materials/Supply Procurement: \$32,339,000

Total Economic Impact: \$760 Million
(\$2B with multipliers ... BSU)



MHAFB Long Term Viability

- Ramp Space
- Unobstructed Air Space
- Training Ranges (135,000 acres)
 - Juniper Butte
 - Grasmere
 - Saylor Creek
 - Orchard Training Complex
- ND Zones (5)





Improve Mission Readiness

- Recently Completed and Pending \$76.7M MILCON and FSRM improvements
 - Hospital Conversion to Outpatient Clinic, 100% complete, \$23M
 - Construct 726th Air Control Squadron, Control and Reporting Center, \$7.8M
 - Provide facility space to support CRC
 - Child Development Center, \$38M
 - Increases capacity from 169 to 276 children
 - US Army Corps of Engineers has been tasked to develop a Design-Build Request for Proposal



- Renovate Dorm, Bldg 2425, \$7.9M
 - Currently, not enough room in dorms to house all single Airmen
 - Renovate 80 additional rooms



Improve Mission Readiness

- ID/MHAFB \$76M Water Project
 - Goal: Develop sustainable water system to enable resiliency of MHAFB to support 366 FW Mission
 - Pump water from Snake River to be treated on base and used for base consumption/irrigation
 - 3.5M GPD demand
 - Phase 1 Planning Charrette - Completed
 - Overall plan of system layout
 - Phase 2 Design-Build Request for Proposal (RFP)
 - US Army Corps of Engineers has been tasked to develop the RFP utilizing an Architect/Engineer (A/E) firm. A/E contract to be awarded in March 2022. Design activities to start April 2022.





Improve Mission Readiness

- Future \$30M+ MILCON Projects

Geothermal Energy project, TBD

- Goal: Make MHAFB more energy resilient and sustainable by utilizing renewable energy source
- Phase 1 Environmental Assessment – Complete
- AF and Idaho Power are in discussions about acquisition strategy and possible partnering.





Our Gunfighters

What matters to our people

- License Reciprocity – THANK YOU!
- Schools
- Housing Challenges
 - Most live in Mt Home...1/3 live in Ada County



Questions?



Fortune Favors the Bold



BACK UP

