

UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND



Stakeholders Report

MISSION STATEMENT

USSTRATCOM conducts operations to deter strategic attack and employs forces, as directed, to guarantee the security of the nation and our allies.

THE VISION

USSTRATCOM drives asymmetric warfighting advantage in a technology-enabled environment while delivering strategic options, underpinned by decision-quality data.

OUR IMPERATIVES

SUSTAIN THE FORCE

OPERATIONALIZE EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

MAXIMIZE FLEXIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS
IN OPERATIONS

DRIVE STRATEGIC INTEGRATION

TRANSITION TO A MODERNIZED FORCE

LEADERSHIP

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DEPUTY COMMANDER

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COMMAND SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER

Command Sgt. Maj. JoAnn Naumann, U.S. Army



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Letter from the **COMMANDER**



To our esteemed Stakeholders,

In an era defined by complexity and intensifying global competition, United States Strategic Command serves as a cornerstone of our nation's security. Charged with protecting the American people, safeguarding assets abroad, and assuring our allies, this Command embodies the strength and resolve that deters aggression and preserves stability.

Our challenge is to deter great power conflict and to be prepared to prevail in a global, protracted, simultaneous fight against potential adversaries that are increasingly aligned. We are undertaking a historic modernization effort—upgrading every leg of the triad, revitalizing our Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications systems, and integrating cutting-edge technologies like artificial intelligence and quantum computing. These investments are essential to maintaining our strategic advantage and ensuring peace through strength for generations to come.

The nearly 41,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Guardians, and civilians who comprise this Command are the backbone of our capabilities—brilliant strategists, precise operators, and meticulous maintainers.

Their professionalism, resilience, and dedication are unmatched, and their sacrifices—alongside those of their families—are the reason our deterrent is credible.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the local community and the state of Nebraska for their unwavering support and hospitality toward our service members. Partnering with you amplifies our strengths. We rely on the ingenuity of industry and academia, whose contributions ensure we remain at the forefront of technological innovation. Additionally, our allies and partners around the globe provide an asymmetric advantage that no competitor can replicate, and we continue to deepen integration across all mission areas.

The challenges ahead are significant. I have absolute confidence in the people, partnerships, and mission of this Command.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Rich Correll".

Adm. Rich Correll, U.S. Navy
Commander, USSTRATCOM



Letter from the **COMMAND SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER**

To USSTRATCOM Stakeholders,

The nation's nuclear and long-range strike forces are vital to America's security. United States Strategic Command's primary mission is to conduct operations to deter strategic attack and employ forces, as directed, to guarantee the security of the nation and our allies.

The motto "Peace is our Profession..." is the living creed of our command, embodied every day by the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Guardians, and civilians who stand the watch. Their quiet commitment and deep expertise are the foundation of our mission, ensuring the readiness and reliability of our nation's deterrent.

As the command's senior enlisted leader, I am inspired by the dedication of every warfighter, civilian, and contractor in this global warfighting command. The mission does not happen without our people. Our exceptional men and women stand the watch, 24/7/365, as a safe, secure, effective, credible, combat-ready force.

We could not do this without our broad coalition of partners, to whom I extend my sincere gratitude. Our success is the result of a powerful synergy of our industry partners, academia, and alliances. This collective effort is critical as we operate in a complex global security environment. The challenges ahead demand our best minds, our most innovative technologies, and our most resilient spirits working in concert.

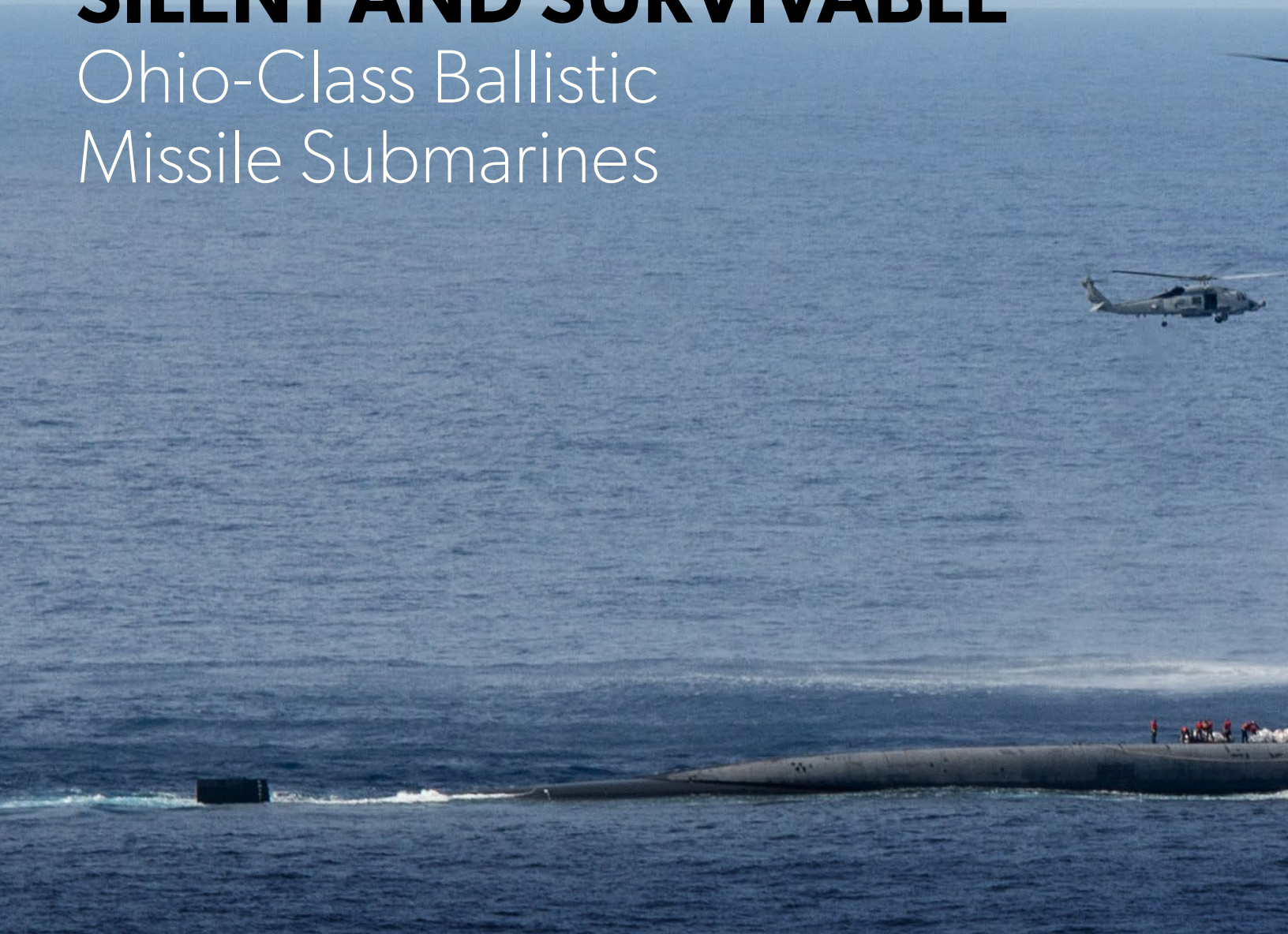
I look forward to continuing to enhance our readiness while supporting the commander's imperatives: sustain the force, operationalize emerging technology, maximize flexibility and effectiveness in operations, drive strategic integration, and transition to a modernized force.

On behalf of the men and women of United States Strategic Command, thank you for your vital partnership and your trust.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jo Naumann, U.S. Army
Command Senior Enlisted Leader, USSTRATCOM

SILENT AND SURVIVABLE

Ohio-Class Ballistic Missile Submarines



SSBN Operations

The United States' ballistic missile submarine fleet serves as the sea-based leg of the nuclear triad and the ultimate guarantor of national survival. Their ability to remain undetected while submerged makes them the most survivable component of the nation's strategic deterrent. This ensures the U.S. maintains a secure and credible retaliatory capability, which is critical to national security and global deterrence.

In 2025, Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, Washington, SSBNs maintained over 35,000 hours on alert or modified-alert status while SSBNs from Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia, conducted 13 patrols and one port visit. The Trident II D5 Life Extension missile reached a lifetime milestone of 197 successful flight test launches.

The SSBN's role in national security is multifaceted:

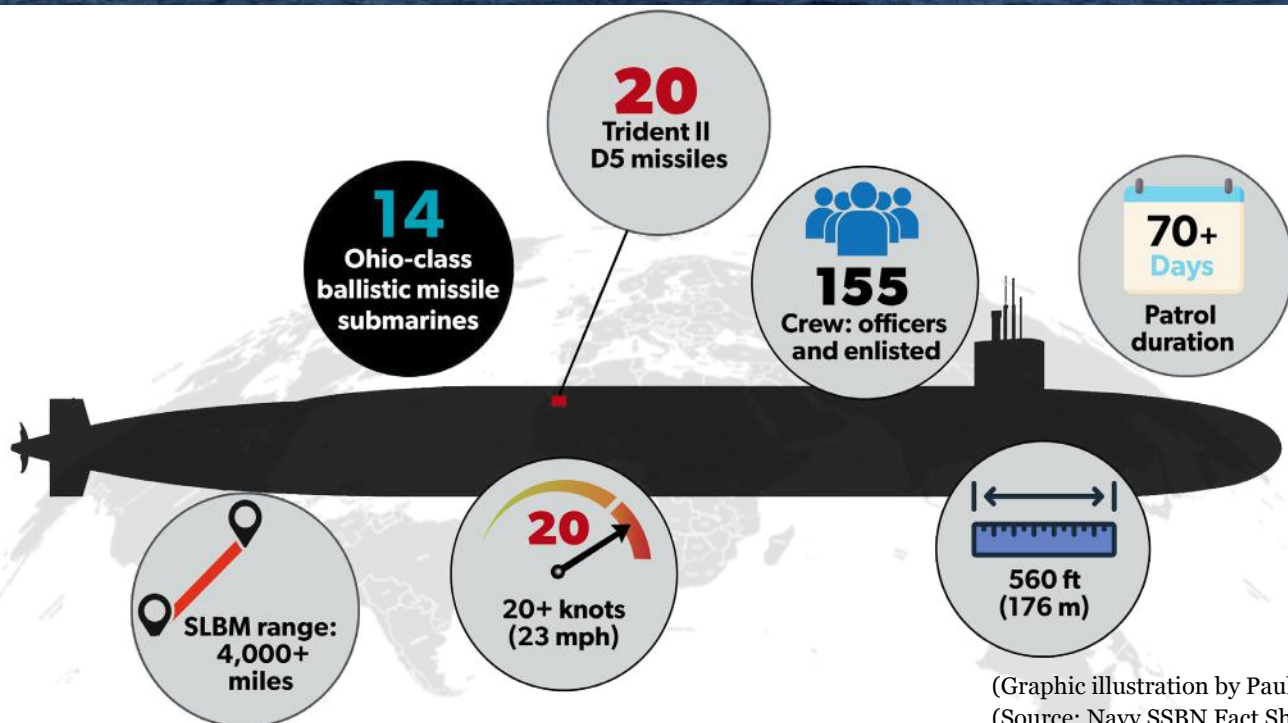
DETERRENCE: The SSBN's presence serves as a deterrent, compelling any potential adversary to reconsider an attack on the United States.

SURVIVABILITY: The SSBN's ability to remain undetected ensures the United States maintains a survivable nuclear deterrent, even in the face of a large-scale attack.

FLEXIBILITY: The SSBN's ability to launch missiles from various locations provides the United States with a flexible response option in the event of a conflict.

The SSBN fleet is operated by alternating United States Navy crews who undergo rigorous training to prepare them for operating submarines and, in the event of an emergency, launch the boat's complement of missiles. The SSBNs are also equipped with advanced communications and command and control systems, ensuring they remain connected to the rest of the nuclear triad. This allows the crew to respond quickly to changing circumstances.

A U.S. Army AH-64 Apache helicopter, a U.S. Navy MH-60R Seahawk helicopter, and a submarine support vessel escort the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Kentucky (SSBN 737) during a routine armed air escort exercise (AAE) April 24, 2025. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Ryan Riley)



(Graphic illustration by Paul Wedig)
(Source: Navy SSBN Fact Sheet)

AMERICA'S FLEXIBLE OPTION

B-2, B-52, and B-1 Bombers

KEY OPERATIONS

USSTRATCOM delivered significant global kinetic and strategic effects during Operations Epic Fury, Southern Spear, Rough Rider, and Midnight Hammer, the last of which employed GBU-57 Massive Ordnance Penetrators in the largest B-2 strike in history. These named operations, along with multiple Bomber Task Force missions, ally and partner integrations, and large-scale exercises, were supported by the worldwide deployment of nearly 6,000 warfighters and more than 2,800 tons of cargo.



(Courtesy photo)

B-2 Spirit

- **ROLE:** Stealth multi-role bomber
- **KEY FEATURE:** Penetrates advanced defenses
- **RANGE:** 6,000+ miles
- **PAYLOAD:** 40,000 lbs
- **STRATEGIC VALUE:** Stealth-enabled global strike



(U.S. Air Force photo)

B-52H Stratofortress

- **ROLE:** Long-range conventional bomber
- **KEY FEATURE:** Ordnance capacity
- **RANGE:** 8,000+ miles
- **PAYLOAD:** 70,000 lbs
- **STRATEGIC VALUE:** Visible global strike capability, air power projection and high volume



A B-52H Stratofortress is parked on the flight line during Exercise Global Thunder 26 (GT26) at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Oct. 23, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Wesley Davies)



(U.S. Air Force photo by Todd Schannuth)

Stratofortress

Conventional & nuclear bomber
Versatility

Global power
Time



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Daniel Harrell)

B-1B Lancer

- **ROLE:** Supersonic conventional strike bomber
- **KEY FEATURE:** Speed and payload combination
- **RANGE:** 5,000+ miles
- **PAYLOAD:** 75,000 lbs
- **STRATEGIC VALUE:** Time-critical global strike

(Source: Air Force Global Strike Command)

BOMBER TASK FORCE

Maintaining Global Readiness

As a visible demonstration of Peace through Strength, Bomber Task Force operations enhance global security and deter strategic attack by integrating with allies and partners to maintain a high state of readiness and validate a credible, worldwide strike capability.



B-1B LANCER

ELLSWORTH AFB

1x PACOM
2X EUROM

MISSIONS: 58 DAYS DE



Italy



Denmark



Jordan



Israel



Australia



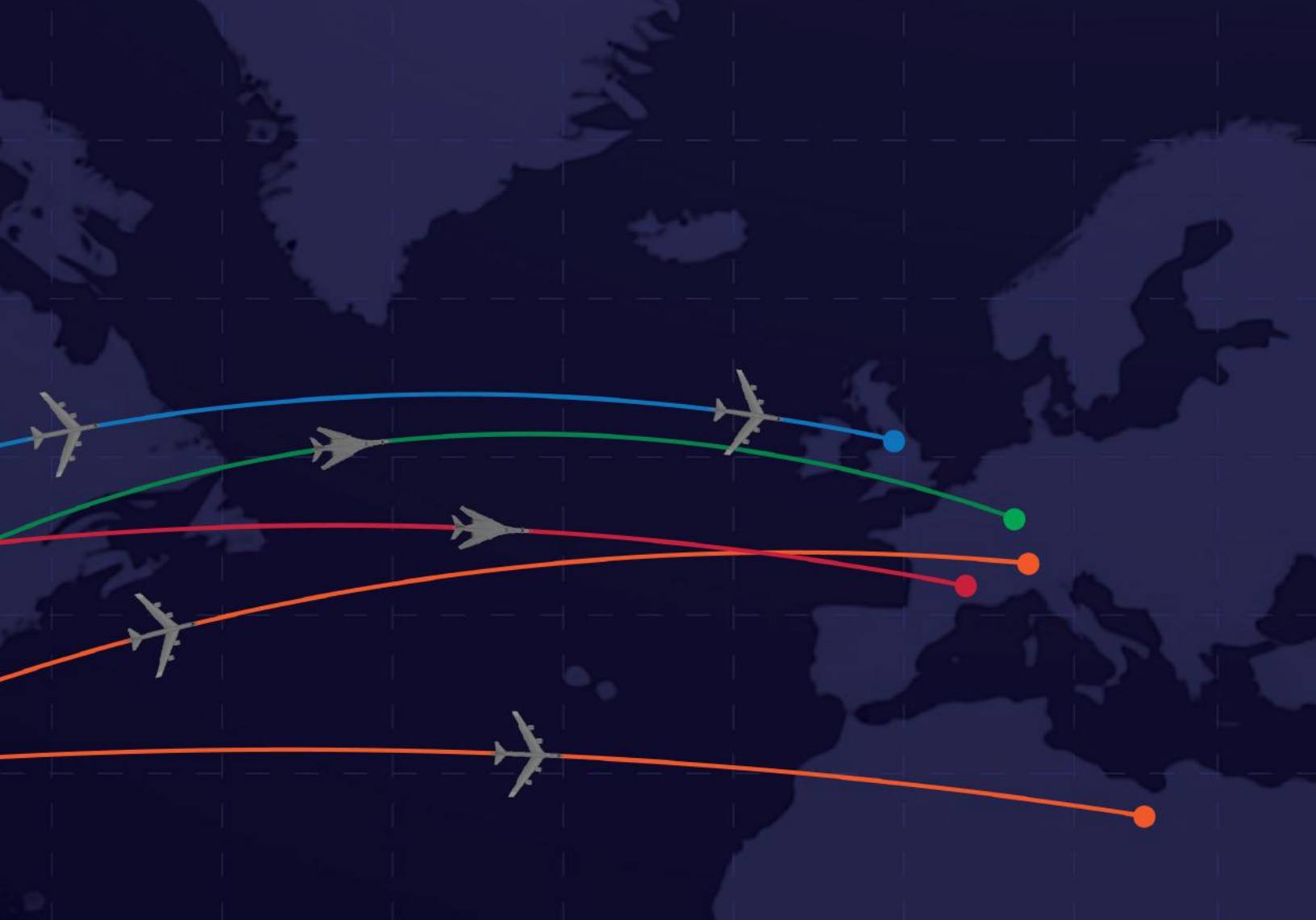
Bulgaria



Finland



France



*This graphic depicts 2025 BTF missions, excluding B-2 operations which were executed under named operations during this period.

DYESS AFB

1x EUROM
2x PACOM



B-52 STRATOFORTRESS

BARKSDALE AFB

1x EUROM
1x AFRICOM
2x PACOM

MINOT AFB

1x PACOM
2x EUROM

EMPLOYED: 193

MISSIONS: 42 DAYS DEPLOYED: 95

Integration with 28 allies & partners



Hungary



Qatar



Libya



Philippines



Croatia



Czech Republic



United Kingdom



Iraq



Romania



Spain



Oman



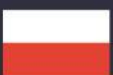
Sweden



South Korea



India



Poland



Netherlands



Türkiye



Canada



Japan



Norway

(Source: USSTRATCOM Global Operations Directorate)

THE RESPONSIVE AND READY FORCE

Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles

(Graphic illustration by Paul Wedig)

In 2025, three successful Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile tests, utilizing both Launch Control Centers and Airborne Launch Control Systems, demonstrated the ongoing readiness and effectiveness of America's strategic deterrent. For over 65 years, the ICBM has served an essential role in USSTRATCOM's mission. Its key attributes are responsiveness and flexibility, and it affords the highest degree of command and control. Launching from a fixed, land-based location, its solid-fueled rocket motor and autonomous guidance system provide a unique combination of speed, flexibility, and accuracy, delivering a rapid response capability unmatched by other legs of the nuclear triad.

The ICBM's constant readiness is the direct result of the dedicated professionals who operate, maintain, and secure the fleet. Their expertise ensures the Minuteman III system provides the credible deterrent capability essential to maintaining Peace through Strength until the LGM-35A Sentinel is fully fielded.

Transition to Sentinel & MH-139A Grey Wolf

The LGM-35A Sentinel program made significant progress in 2025 under a restructured acquisition strategy, with a new, streamlined management structure ensuring timely modernization. Achievements included the successful qualification tests of Sentinel's Stage-1 and Stage-2 solid rocket motors and the assembly of the first complete three-stage ground test missile. The turnover of the first Minuteman III silo at Wyoming's F.E. Warren Air Force Base also marked a critical step toward fielding a credible nuclear deterrent for decades to come.

A parallel modernization is underway for mission support with the fielding of the MH-139A Grey Wolf helicopter. This aircraft is replacing the Vietnam-era UH-1N Huey and is responsible for providing security and support over the vast and diverse terrain of the missile fields, which span about 40,000 square miles throughout five states. The Grey Wolf is a significant capability upgrade, boasting a 50% increase in speed and range and a 30% larger cabin that doubles the Huey's troop capacity. These enhancements are critical for protecting vital national assets like missile convoys and launch facilities. It successfully completed its first operational mission in early 2026, escorting an ICBM convoy for over 100 miles without the need to refuel, a testament to its increased endurance.



Pictured is a Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile shroud being raised into a payload transporter during a weapons transfer operation near Sydney, Nebraska, Feb. 5, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Mattison Cole)

Minuteman III at a Glance

- 400 Minuteman III ICBMs, each capable of delivering three nuclear warheads
- Range: 6,000+ miles
- The ICBM fleet is dispersed across five states
- Reliability rate: >99%
- Response time: 5-10 minutes
- Speed: 15,000 mph (Mach 23)

(Source: Air Force Global Strike Command)

THE EYES AND EARS OF THE NATION

As essential components of the nation's Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications architecture, the U.S. Air Force E-4B Nightwatch and U.S. Navy E-6B Mercury ensure the President, Secretary of War, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff can command the nation's nuclear forces in any environment. The E-6B Mercury's primary naval mission is to provide a survivable communications link to the fleet of ballistic missile submarines, and it also serves as an airborne command post with a secondary launch capability for land-based ICBMs. In tandem, the E-4B Nightwatch functions as the National Airborne Operations Center, providing national leadership with secure communications to the entire nuclear triad.



(Courtesy photo)



(U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jacob Skovo)

E-6B Mercury Achievements

- Led \$300M fleet modernization effort, increasing E-6B aircraft availability by 40%
- Demonstrated robust communication capabilities by simultaneously linking with ballistic missile submarines in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans
- Successfully tested and proved the E-6B's secondary launch capability through a simulated electronic launch test and Glory Trip

E-4B Nightwatch Achievements

- Supported 73 POTUS and senior leader missions, enabling critical communication capabilities
- Executed uninterrupted operations while transforming from a command and control group to a wing, unifying multiple NC3 units under one commander
- Generated five global C2 mission in support of USSTRATCOM exercises, maintaining continuous NAOC coverage and strengthening alliances

NC3 ENTERPRISE

Ensuring the Reliability, Security, and Resilience of Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications

NEC Overview

The NC3 Enterprise Center (NEC) is the Department's focal point to oversee and manage the Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications enterprise, ensuring the President has unrestricted access to America's full nuclear capabilities under all conditions and threat environments. The NEC partners with enterprise stakeholders to ensure mission readiness through data-driven, risk-informed operations. It also directs the development of next-generation NC3 capabilities to support nuclear deterrence and national security. Daily activities include managing NC3 operations, systems engineering, integration, security, and defining requirements for future systems.

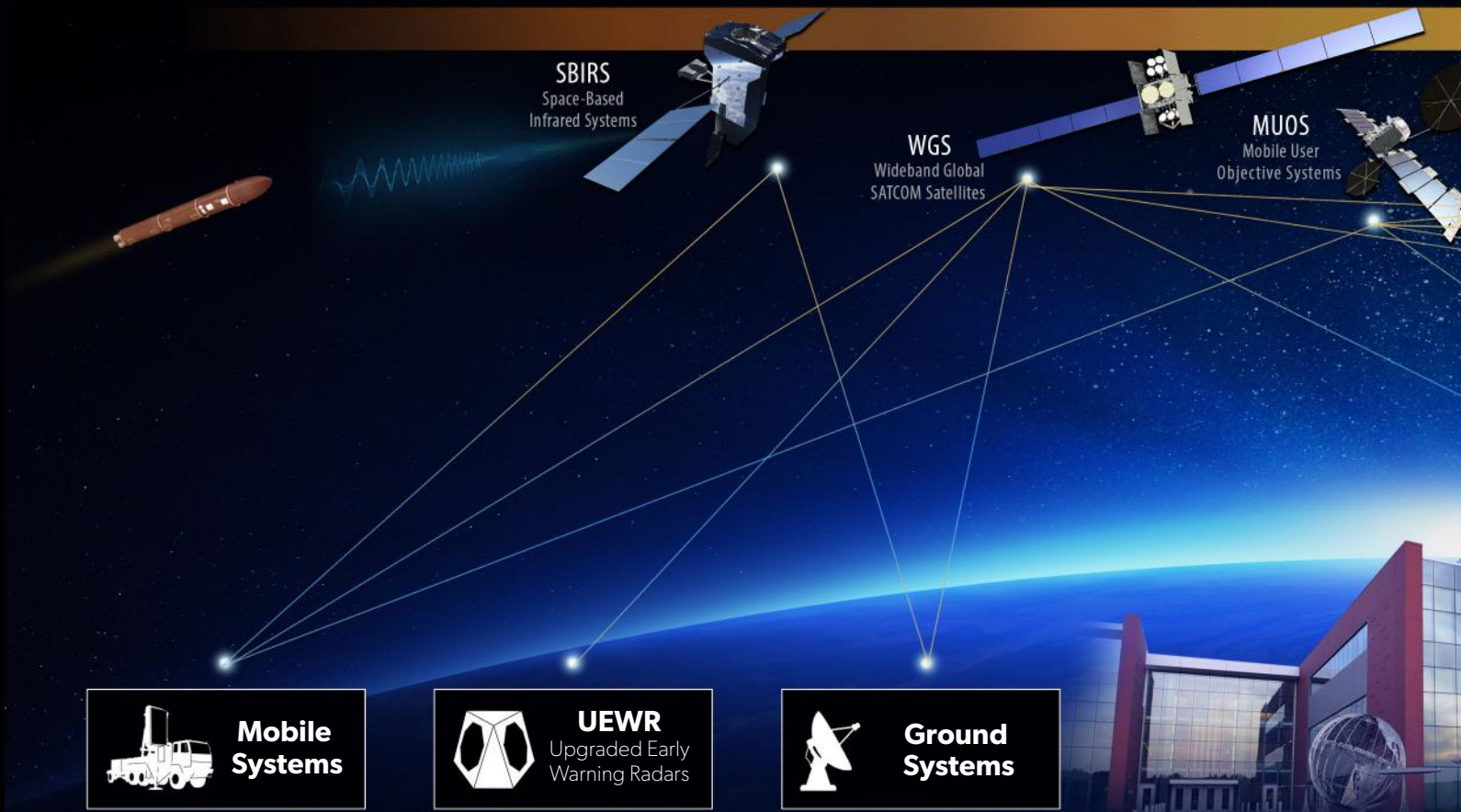
Enhanced Operations & Modernization

In 2025, the NEC director assumed the role of the NC3 condition process and the NC3 condition process. The center also led the enterprise's communication capability to a more robust state, the largest modernization effort in the history of the NC3 enterprise.

THREAT

WARNING

COMMUNICATIONS



RISE CENTER

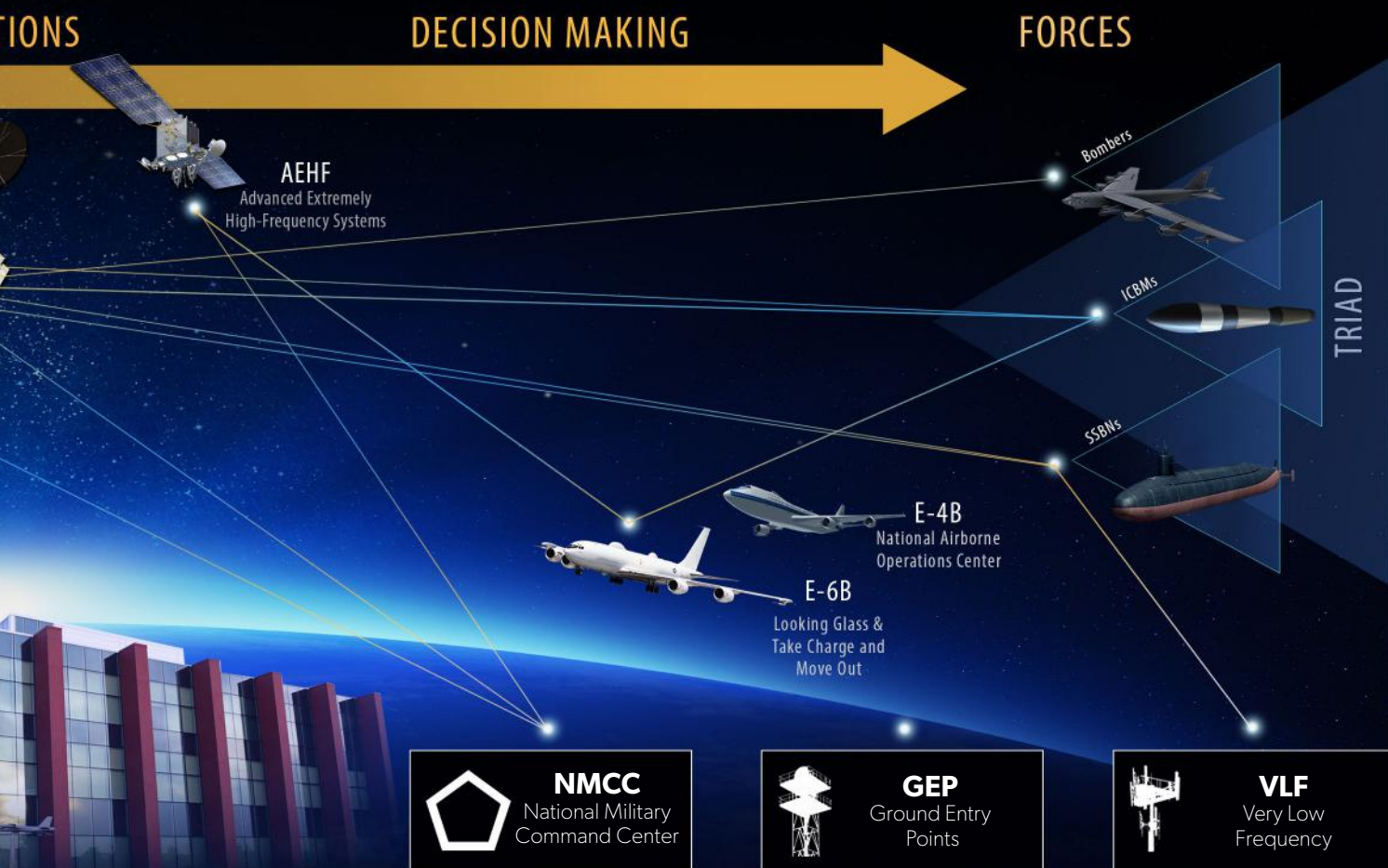
Security, and Resiliency of Control, and Communications

Operational Authority Modernization

...l new authorities, enabling oversight
...he establishment of a 24/7 NC3 Watch.
... transition from a legacy satellite
...re robust and secure system, marking
... over a generation.

Foundational Engineering & Security Advancements

The NEC designed a "Mission Thread" framework to prioritize the installation of sensing and monitoring technology on legacy systems, securing \$46M to begin implementation. The center also finalized the NC3 Enterprise Engineering Management Plan to align enterprise-level activities. Separately, they successfully executed the first-ever NEC-led in-flight technical testing, validating a groundbreaking portable communications capability.



JOINT ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM OPERATIONS CENTER

Advancing JEMSO Integration
and Readiness



EMSO Operational Assessment

USSTRATCOM led the Joint Requirements Oversight Council-endorsed 2025 EMSO Operational Assessment, which informed the Joint Staff Capability Portfolio Management Review regarding EMSO requirements. This assessment evaluated current capabilities, identified gaps, and provided actionable recommendations to shape future investments and operational priorities. By leveraging insights from the assessment, USSTRATCOM ensured that EMSO requirements are aligned with the Joint Force's strategic objectives and operational needs.

Senior Leader EMSO Warfighter Summit

In June 2025, USSTRATCOM hosted the Senior Leader EMSO Warfighter Summit, bringing together senior leaders, operational planners, and technical experts to address emerging threats, capability gaps, organizational challenges, and best practices. The summit provided a critical forum for aligning efforts across the enterprise and ensuring a unified approach to EMSO readiness. Discussions emphasized the importance of integrating EMSO into multi-domain operations and highlighted the need for innovative solutions to maintain superiority in contested electromagnetic environments.

Electromagnetic Battle Management-Joint Decision Support

Defense Information Systems Agency and USSTRATCOM launched Electromagnetic Battle Management-Joint Decision Support (EMBM-J DS). This groundbreaking initiative enables commanders to assess and mitigate risks in electromagnetic environments, ensuring effective decision-making and operational success in complex scenarios. EMBM-J DS provides combatant commands with advanced planning and risk analysis capabilities, to be integrated with component and Service EMBM tools.

USSTRATCOM continues to lead the way in integrating JEMSO into operational constructs, enhancing readiness, and ensuring the Joint Force remains agile and effective in the face of evolving challenges.



A U.S. Space Force Guardian with the 527th Space Aggressor Squadron unrolls cables during exercise Resolute Space 2025 at Maui, Hawaii, July 30, 2025. The 527th SAS replicated adversary electromagnetic tactics, techniques, and procedures to challenge exercise participants in contested conditions. (U.S. Space Force photo by Senior Airman William Pugh)

STRATEGIC EXERCISES

Advancing USSTRATCOM's Readiness, Lethality, and Deterrence Posture

USSTRATCOM exercises validate operational capabilities and provide critical insights that drive continuous improvement and future-proof the command's strategic deterrence posture.

Global Thunder: Strengthening Strategic Deterrence

Global Thunder is USSTRATCOM's premier annual Tier-1 exercise focused on testing the readiness and operational capabilities of its Nuclear Command, Control, and Communications systems and the Joint Force. This exercise provides a realistic and high-stress environment for evaluating the command's ability to execute its strategic deterrence mission. In addition, it provides opportunities to integrate operations across multiple combatant commands, the Office of the Secretary of War, Joint Staff, and interagency stakeholders, ensuring seamless collaboration and alignment of strategic and operational objectives. The exercise validates NC3 processes, identifies operational gaps, and enhances the command's ability to maintain a credible deterrence posture. Global Thunder continues to serve as a cornerstone for advancing strategic readiness.

Stress-Testing Strategic Systems

In addition to its large-scale exercises, USSTRATCOM conducts focused training events that are designed to stress-test strategic systems and platforms, ensuring their reliability and effectiveness under high-pressure scenarios. They provide a unique opportunity to evaluate the command's ability to adapt to evolving threats and maintain operational readiness. The events also address a range of issues from force protection of strategic assets to validating new NC3 procedures, ensuring the command's ability to execute its mission through uncontested and contested environments.

Global Lightning: Integrating Conventional and Nuclear Operations

Global Lightning focuses on integration of conventional and nuclear operations, providing a platform for testing Joint Force interoperability and readiness. Global Lightning highlights USSTRATCOM's ability to synchronize capabilities with other combatant commands, OSW, Joint Staff, and allies and partners. The exercise simulates dynamic crises in environments that challenge senior leaders' decision-making and evaluates the command's ability to respond to complex problem sets. Global Lightning's emphasis on Joint Force integrated operations ensures the seamless execution of strategic deterrence across the spectrum of conflict.

Enhancing Multinational Collaboration

USSTRATCOM conducts specialized Nuclear Command and Control training for command senior leaders, other combatant commands, OSW, Joint Staff, and allies and partners to inform senior leaders' decision-making when coordinating strategic forces. The command executes over 300 scenario-based training events annually to maintain the highest level of nuclear procedures proficiency, validate readiness of command personnel, test the resiliency of NC2 systems and processes, and advance Joint Force strategic deterrence acumen.



A U.S. Air Force B-52H Stratofortress assigned to the 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, takes off as part of Exercise Global Thunder 26 at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Oct. 26, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Alyssa Bankston)



U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Cameron Hale, 96th Bomber Generation Squadron crew chief, conducts a preflight inspection on a B-52H Stratofortress aircraft as part of Exercise Global Thunder 26 at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, Oct. 17, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Laiken King)



U.S. Air Force Airman Princella Kusi, 2nd Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician fits an MBU-20/P mask onto Capt. Phillip Hannon, 20th Bomb Squadron B-52H Stratofortress pilot, as part of Exercise Global Thunder 26 at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, Oct. 18, 2025. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Devyn Taylor)



ACROSS THE

Innovation and

New Grey Wolf Helicopter on the Prowl



In the Spotlight:

The MH-139A's successful evaluation moves the new helicopter closer to fully supporting ***nuclear security operations***.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mattison Cole)

Recent years have been marked by significant achievements that showcase U.S. Strategic Command's commitment to modernization, people, and missions. From successful operational testing of the MH-139A Grey Wolf helicopter to pioneering AI-powered intelligence and

Pioneering AI: Empowering Leaders & Operations



In the Spotlight:

By launching a new AI Center and training over 400 senior leaders, USSTRATCOM is integrating artificial intelligence at every level to ***improve human decision-making*** and deliver asymmetric warfighting advantage.

(Graphic illustration by Paul Wedig)

ENTERPRISE

and Excellence



Accelerating Force Modernization

innovative training for leaders, USSTRATCOM continues to push the boundaries of what's possible. These efforts are not only enhancing operational capabilities of today's combat-ready force but also ensuring the command's readiness for the challenges of tomorrow.

In the Spotlight:

A second B-21 entered testing and a Raider procurement memo endorsed by five combatant commanders went forward, accelerating *force modernization*.

(Courtesy photo)

Amplifying Strategic Messaging & Increasing Strategic IQ

In the Spotlight:

Through a 23% social media follower growth and key partnerships on documentary films and viral video series, USSTRATCOM significantly boosted public engagement and *understanding of its mission*.

(Graphic illustration by Paul Wedig)

CONTINUED MODERNIZATION

Enhancing America's Nuclear Enterprise for the Future

MINUTEMAN III

SENTINEL



B-1B LANCER/B-2 SPIRIT

B-21 RAIDER



OHIO-CLASS

COLUMBIA-CLASS



UH-1N HUEY

MH-139A GREY WOLF



NC3 MODERNIZATION



BUILDING BRIDGES

USSTRATCOM plays a critical role in protecting America's interests at home and abroad, and that mission extends far beyond the gates of Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. In the Omaha metro area, USSTRATCOM recognizes the importance of community engagement as a force enabler in fostering a deeper understanding of our work, building trust and promoting a culture of mutual support.

Community engagement is essential to USSTRATCOM's success, as it allows us to connect with the local population and demonstrate our commitment to the region. By engaging with the Omaha metro area and other community leaders throughout the enterprise, the command continues to build relationships, address misconceptions, and showcase the incredible work being done by the service members, civilians, and contractors.

Community engagement also provides a platform for USSTRATCOM to give back to the Omaha metro area. Through partnerships with local organizations, schools, and charities, the command makes a positive impact and establishes a strong reputation for community engagement.

The range of engagement initiatives and partnerships reflect USSTRATCOM's values and mission. From hosting tours and briefings to participating in local events and parades, the command is dedicated to building bridges between the communities it serves. Working together, USSTRATCOM and the Omaha metro area can build a stronger, more resilient community that supports our shared values and promotes a brighter future for everyone.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Zach Hada)

PEOPLE and TALENT

The command is a vital component of the nation's defense, responsible for the command and control of America's strategic forces. To execute its mission effectively, USSTRATCOM relies on a highly skilled and agile workforce.

USSTRATCOM is reframing people and talent management while driving force development. In 2025, under the People and Talent Strategy, the command transitioned nearly 1,300 civilians to the Acquisition Demonstration and Cyber Excepted Service merit-based personnel systems, gaining greater flexibility in recruiting, hiring, and recognizing performance to attract and retain top talent.

USSTRATCOM raised awareness among services about the significance of its no-fail missions, emphasizing readiness and accountability across the joint force. The command also fielded a moral injury program to strengthen the warrior ethos, partnering with Headquarters Air Force to create a guide educating the joint force on preventing and responding to moral injuries. These efforts enhance USSTRATCOM's workforce resilience, capability, and effectiveness, ensuring readiness for vital responsibilities.

USSTRATCOM remains well-positioned to secure innovative talent and sustain the well-being of the workforce, ensuring mission success and readiness for arising challenges.



(U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Riley)

STRENGTH THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

The Strategic Deterrence Ecosystem

Deep-rooted alliances and partnerships are essential to maintaining a credible strategic deterrent and demonstrating Peace through Strength.



(Graphic layout by Paul Wedig)

Alliances: A Unified Resolve

The strength of our alliances and partnerships gives the nation an asymmetric advantage that is showcased through a variety of global operations. Bomber Task Force missions, for instance, are a visible demonstration of U.S. global reach, involving integration with dozens of partner nations across multiple combatant commands. These operations, along with submarine port visits and joint exercises, enhance interoperability and send a clear message of unified resolve and collective security.

The NNSA Enterprise: Securing the Stockpile

A critical component of the strategic framework is the seamless partnership with the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Department of Energy's national laboratories. This relationship is fundamental to the modernization and sustainment of the U.S. nuclear stockpile. The NNSA enterprise is responsible for the research, development, and production that ensures the safety, security, and effectiveness of the nation's deterrent. The synergy between USSTRATCOM's operational forces and the NNSA's scientific expertise provides the foundation for a credible nuclear triad.



U.S. Navy Adm. Rich Correll, commander, U.S. Strategic Command (center), poses for a photo with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory directors during a visit to the lab in Livermore, California, Feb. 13, 2026. (Courtesy photo)



U.S. Navy Adm. Rich Correll, commander, U.S. Strategic Command (second from left), receives updates on the Survivable Airborne Operations Center (SAOC) program during a visit to Sierra Nevada Corporation's Aviation Innovation and Technology center in Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 21, 2026. (Courtesy photo)

Research and Industry: Innovating for the Future

To maintain its technological edge, USSTRATCOM relies on a robust network of academic and industry partners. Through its University Affiliated Research Center, the National Strategic Research Institute, and the broader USSTRATCOM Academic Alliance, the command fosters cutting-edge research and develops the next generation of strategic thinkers. These collaborations, combined with innovation from industry leaders, ensure that as the U.S. modernizes its capabilities, the underlying science and engineering are sound, providing a credible deterrent for decades to come.

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

Omaha Trophy presented to the 2025 winners

The Omaha Trophy recognizes the top military units supporting U.S. Strategic Command's global strategic deterrence mission. Across four categories, warfighters earned the 2025 Omaha Trophy for their exceptional operational performance, living the warrior ethos as they enabled critical capabilities across the nation's strategic enterprise.

"Our strategic deterrent is credible because of professionals who execute the mission, every minute of every day," said USSTRATCOM Commander U.S. Navy Adm. Rich Correll. "This award recognizes those units who have demonstrated superior performance and the highest levels of readiness. They are the foundation of our nation's security, and this honor is a direct reflection of their commitment to that fundamental responsibility."

Awarded annually since 1971, the Omaha Trophy is sponsored by the Strategic Command Consultation Committee, a historic group of Omaha, Nebraska-based civic leaders focused on supporting USSTRATCOM's mission and people. It is regarded as the highest honor bestowed upon a nuclear-enterprise unit by a civilian organization.

"The SCCC is honored to continue the tradition of recognizing the extraordinary teams who operate at the tip of the spear," said SCCC Chair Dana Bradford. "Their performances and the support of their families are vital to keeping our nation safe."



STRATEGIC BOMBER

509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Missouri



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew S. Domingos)

GLOBAL OPERATIONS

Strategic Communications Wing One, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class W. Chase Stephens)

BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE

USS Maryland (SSBN 738), NSB Kings Bay, Georgia



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Travis S. Alston)

INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE

341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Ethan Wilson)

USSTRATCOM DIRECTORS

J1 DIRECTOR, HUMAN CAPITAL

Col. Brandon D. Wengert, U.S. Air Force

J2 DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE

Rear Adm. Ralph R. "Russ" Smith, U.S. Navy

J3 DIRECTOR, GLOBAL OPERATIONS

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey T. Schreiner, U.S. Air Force

J4 DIRECTOR, LOGISTICS

Capt. W. Korban Blackburn, U.S. Navy

J5 DIRECTOR, PLANS AND POLICY

Rear Adm. Thomas R. "TR" Buchanan, U.S. Navy

J6 DIRECTOR, C4 SYSTEMS

Elizabeth M. Durham-Ruiz, SES

J7 DIRECTOR, JOINT EXERCISES, TRAINING, AND ASSESSMENTS

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