

SECTION 2. MISSION

Mountain Home AFB began in 1942 as an Army Air Base. The Mountain Home Area was chosen for the location of the Base because of the availability of inexpensive land and because of excellent year around flying weather. The Base served primarily as a Bombardment Group Base during WWII. After WWII, it remained a base for bombardment groups and was deactivated and then reactivated twice.

In 1966, the Air Base came under control of the US Air Force Tactical Air Command and became a Tactical Reconnaissance Wing with fighter aircraft. In 1990, under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Mountain Home Air Force Base realigned to become a composite wing, which consisted of a mixture of different [aircraft](#) and missions.

At present, it is anticipated that this change in mission complexity will not significantly affect the amount of new construction. Based on the most recent census, the work force consists of 4,000 military personnel and 700 civilian employees; however, as other Base closures occur and priorities change, the Base physical plant could grow. This manual will serve as one of the tools to aid in that growth.