#### Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia

### Installation Mission and Context



### Mission

The host unit of Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE) is the 633d Air Base Wing, an Air Force-led mission support wing that serves both Air Force and Army units. The 633d Air Base Wing provides mission-ready expeditionary airmen to combatant commanders in support of joint and combined operations worldwide.

- The primary mission performed at JBLE-Langley is the mission of the 1st Fighter Wing.
- JBLE-Eustis is a Training and Doctrine Command installation that provides training related to operations that require transportation modes, including rail, marine, and amphibious movements.

#### Location

JBLE is located in the Hampton Roads region of southeastern Virginia. JBLE is comprised of several land holdings, including the following:

- **JBLE-Langley** occupies 3,167 acres and is located within the City of Hampton.
- JBLE-Eustis occupies 7,933 acres and is located approximately 17 miles northwest of JBLE-Langley within the City of Newport News.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
   Langley Research Center (LaRC) occupies 764 acres and is adjacent to JBLE-Langley.
- Landings at Langley is military housing located between JBLE-Langley and JBLE-Eustis.

# Economic Impact

The military provides direct, indirect, and induced economic benefits to local communities through jobs and wages. Benefits include employment opportunities, increases in local business revenue, and revenue from the sale and taxing of property. In 2018, JBLE's local economic impact was \$2.9 billion.

### JBLE directly employs 20,497 military personnel and supports 7,162 military dependents.



# History

JBLE-Langley, formerly Langley AFB, was established in 1917 as the General Headquarters Air Force and contains the oldest active Air Force airfield, Langley Field. Langley Field was originally purchased in 1916 for the Army Air Forces to build an airfield for aeronautical research, experiments, flight tests, and use by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (known today as NASA).

JBLE-Eustis, formerly Fort Eustis, received permanent military installation status in 1923 after serving as Camp Abraham Eustis, a training center for Coast Artillery Corps units and Army Balloonists' School, during World War I. Fort Eustis contains Felker Army Airfield, which opened in 1954 as Felker Heliport, the first military heliport in the world.

In 2010, Langley AFB and Fort Eustis were consolidated under the responsibility of the Air Force and the 633d Air Base Wing, becoming "Joint Base Langley-Eustis" in accordance with the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommendation. The intent of this joint base merger was to promote and foster a more cohesive operational partnership between the Air Force and Army, while preserving capabilities and unique Service identities. Today, JBLE is home to more than 20,000 Air Force and Army personnel accomplishing a variety of mission sets, including transportation, fighter operations, and training.