Our History

The 11th Wing traces its roots back to the 11th Observation Group, which was established in 1933. The group was redesignated as the 11th Bombardment Group “Grey Geese” in 1938. The Grey Geese saw combat in the Pacific Theater of Operations with B-17s and B-24s. In 1978, the group was reactivated as the 11th Strategic Group, managing Strategic Air Command aircraft at RAF Fairford, England. The consolidated unit has served in its current mission since 1994, first as the 11th Support Wing and then as the 11th Wing. The 11th Wing became “The Chief’s Own” in 1995. The 11th Wing moved to Joint Base Andrews on Oct. 1, 2010, and then moved back home to Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB) on June 12, 2020. Finally, on Oct. 1, 2020, it became the host wing for an Air Force-led JBAB during a first-ever Joint Base lead service transfer after 10 years of Navy leadership.

Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling & 11th Wing Leadership

Colonel Ryan A. F. Crowley
11th Wing Commander

Colonel Ryan A. Zeitler
11th Wing Deputy Commander

Chief Master Sergeant Clifford L. Lawton
11th Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant

Priorities
- Partnerships
- Readiness
- Innovation
- Development
- Engagement

Values
- Honesty
- Effort
- Attitude
- Respect
- Teamwork
Joint Base Anacostia–Bolling
Sentinels of the Capital

Our Heritage, Our Future

Joint Base Anacostia–Bolling is a 966-acre military installation in southwest Washington, D.C., built on land purchased in 1917 by then-U.S. Army Capt. Billy Mitchell. Originally a training location for Army and Navy pilots, the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission combined the adjacent Bolling Air Force Base and Naval Support Facility Anacostia, establishing a joint base under U.S. Navy lead on Oct. 1, 2010. Ten years later, on Oct. 1, 2020, the base’s lead service authorities transferred to the U.S. Air Force. The 11th Wing administers installation support to its more than 70 mission partners and unparalleled ceremonial, musical and funeral support to the White House, senior Department of Defense leadership and Arlington National Cemetery through The United States Air Force Band, the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, and the U.S. Air Force Chaplaincy. Additionally, the 11th Wing, which reports to the Air Force District of Washington, teams with the Naval District Washington and installation partners such as the Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Air Defense Operations Center, U.S. Coast Guard Station Washington, Marine Helicopter Squadron One, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard, and many other premier organizations that provide critical missions and support to the National Capital Region.