

## Status of U.S. Nuclear Weapons in Europe 2010

Country	Air Base	Custodian/Unit	Platform	Deployment		Remarks
				(WS3 WSVs)	(Est. Weapons)	
Belgium	Kleine Brogel	701 MUNSS	Belgian F-16s (10 <sup>th</sup> W Tac)	11	10-20	Nuclear inspections in 2004, 2006, and 2008
Germany	Büchel	702 MUNSS	German Tornados (JaboG 33)	11	10-20	Nuclear inspections in 2005, 2007, and 2009
	Spangdahlem	38 MMG	n.a.	0	0	Provides support to MUNSSs and Belgian, Dutch, German and Italian air forces for the NATO nuclear strike mission
Italy	Aviano	31 <sup>st</sup> FW	US F-16s	18	50	Nuclear inspections in 2004, 2007, and 2009
	Ghedi Torre	704 MUNSS	Italian Tornados (6 <sup>th</sup> Stormo)	11	20-40	Nuclear inspections in 2004 and presumably later. Weapons might have been reduced. Rumored consideration to consolidate weapons at Aviano AB
Netherlands	Volkel	703 MUNSS	Dutch F-16s (1 <sup>st</sup> FW)	11	10-20	Nuclear inspections in 2005, 2006, and 2008, 2009
Turkey	Incirlik	39 <sup>th</sup> ABW	Rotating US aircraft from other wings when needed	25	50	Nuclear inspections in 2006 and 2008. No permanent Fighter Wing and no aircraft "generation" at the base. The national Turkish nuclear strike mission probably ended in 2001
United States	Seymour-Johnson	4 <sup>th</sup> FW	F-15Es	n.a. <sup>a</sup>	?	Augmentation force for nuclear operations in Europe and Asia
	Kirtland	708 NSUS	n.a.	n.a.	? <sup>b</sup>	Service Logistics Agent (SLA) for all weapons deployments, movements and Limited Life Components (LLC) management

**5 Countries<sup>c</sup>    6 Bases<sup>c</sup>    87<sup>d</sup>    150-200<sup>e</sup>**

<sup>a</sup> There are no WS3s at Seymour Johnson AFB but nine igloos in the Weapons Storage Area.

<sup>b</sup> Non-deployed reserve tactical bombs are stored at the 56-acre Kirtland Underground Storage Munitions Complex south of Kirtland AFB in New Mexico and the Weapons Storage Area at Nellis AFB in Nevada.

<sup>c</sup> Only Europe is included in the total.

<sup>d</sup> The 87 WS3 (Weapon Storage and Security System) Weapons Storage Vaults (WSVs) each can store up to four bombs for a total maximum of 348 weapons. Normally only one or two weapons are present. Vaults at some other bases that used to store nuclear bombs might still be maintained as well for dispersal contingencies.

<sup>e</sup> All bombs are B61-3/4. There were 480 bombs in Europe in 2001. Bombs were removed from Araxos Air Base in Greece in 2001, the B61-10 was placed in the inactive stockpile in 2005, and bombs were removed from Ramstein Air Base in Germany in 2005 and RAF Lakenheath in England in 2006. Additional bombs stored in the United States can augment the European deployment as needed.

Key: AB – Air Base; ABW – Air Base Wing; FW – Fighter Wing; JaboG - Jagdbombergeschwader; MMG – Munitions Maintenance Group; MUNSS – Munitions Support Squadron; n.a. – not applicable; RAF – Royal Air Force; W Tac – Tactical Wing; WS3 – Weapons Storage and Security System; WSV – Weapons Storage Vault.