

OVERVIEW

Strategic Air Command is an American film starring James Stewart and June Allyson, and directed by Anthony Mann. Released by Paramount Pictures, it was the first of four films that depicted the role of the Strategic Air Command in the Cold War era.

James Stewart plays Robert "Dutch" Holland, a United States Air Force Reserve officer recalled to active duty to fly B-36 and B-47 nuclear bombers for the Strategic Air Command. The film portrays the duties and responsibilities of being an Air Force strategic bomber pilot, and the strains such service places on family life. Dutch serves in multiple positions at Carswell Air Force Base, where he soon gains a B-36 crews of his own, and becomes enamored with both flying and the role of SAC in deterring war.



## About the Director



Anthony Mann was an American actor and film director, most notably of film noirs and Westerns. As a director, he often collaborated with the cinematographer John Alton and with James Stewart in his Westerns. Considered something of a journeyman in his prime, Mann later was "discovered" by French critics who placed him in the auteur category of filmmakers.