

HISTORIC MAJOR COMMAND LEADERS

AIR (AEROSPACE) DEFENSE COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Gordon P. Saville	Dec. 1, 1948	Sept. 1, 1949
Lt. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead	Jan. 1, 1951	Aug. 24, 1951
Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw	Aug. 25, 1951	May 31, 1955
Maj. Gen. Frederic Smith (acting)	June 1, 1955	July 19, 1955
Gen. Earle E. Partridge	July 20, 1955	Sept. 16, 1956
Lt. Gen. Joseph H. Atkinson	Sept. 17, 1956	Feb. 28, 1961
Lt. Gen. Robert M. Lee	March 1, 1961	July 5, 1963
Maj. Gen. Robert H. Terrill (acting)	July 6, 1963	July 31, 1963
Lt. Gen. Herbert B. Thatcher	Aug. 1, 1963	July 31, 1967
Lt. Gen. Arthur C. Agan Jr.	Aug. 1, 1967	Feb. 28, 1970
Lt. Gen. Thomas K. McGehee	March 1, 1970	June 30, 1973
Gen. Seth J. McKee	July 1, 1973	Sept. 30, 1973
Gen. Lucius D. Clay Jr.	Oct. 1, 1973	Aug. 31, 1975
Gen. Daniel James Jr.	Sept. 1, 1975	Dec. 6, 1977
Gen. James E. Hill	Dec. 6, 1977	Dec. 31, 1979
Gen. James V. Hartinger	Jan. 1, 1980	March 31, 1980

Established March 21, 1946. Assigned to Continental Air Command 1948. Discontinued 1950. Regained majcom status 1951. Redesignated Aerospace Defense Command Jan. 15, 1968. Inactivated March 31, 1980.

AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Harold W. Grant	July 1, 1961	Feb. 15, 1962
Maj. Gen. Kenneth P. Bergquist	Feb. 16, 1962	June 30, 1965
Maj. Gen. J. Francis Taylor (acting)	July 1, 1965	Oct. 18, 1965
Maj. Gen. Richard P. Klocko	Oct. 19, 1965	July 2, 1967
Maj. Gen. Robert W. Paulson	July 15, 1967	Aug. 1, 1969
Maj. Gen. Paul R. Stoney	Aug. 1, 1969	Oct. 31, 1973
Maj. Gen. Donald L. Werbeck	Nov. 1, 1973	Aug. 24, 1975
Maj. Gen. Rupert H. Burris	Aug. 25, 1975	Oct. 31, 1977
Maj. Gen. Robert E. Sadler	Nov. 1, 1977	June 21, 1979
Maj. Gen. Robert T. Herres	June 22, 1979	July 27, 1981
Maj. Gen. Robert F. McCarthy	July 27, 1981	June 1, 1984
Maj. Gen. Gerald L. Prather	June 1, 1984	Aug. 28, 1986
Maj. Gen. John T. Stihl	Aug. 28, 1986	March 29, 1988
Maj. Gen. James S. Cassity Jr.	March 29, 1988	May 16, 1989
Maj. Gen. Robert H. Ludwig	May 16, 1989	Nov. 9, 1990
Maj. Gen. John S. Fairfield	Nov. 9, 1990	July 1, 1991

Formerly Air Force Communications Service. Redesignated Air Force Communications Command 1979. Changed to field operating agency July 1, 1991.

AIR FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND

Lt. Gen. Nathan F. Twining	March 9, 1946	Oct. 13, 1947
Gen. Joseph T. McNarney	Oct. 14, 1947	Aug. 31, 1949
Lt. Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw	Sept. 1, 1949	Aug. 20, 1951
Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings	Aug. 21, 1951	Feb. 28, 1959
Lt. Gen. William F. McKee (acting)	March 1, 1959	March 14, 1959
Gen. Samuel E. Anderson	March 15, 1959	July 31, 1961
Gen. William F. McKee	Aug. 1, 1961	June 30, 1962
Gen. Mark E. Bradley Jr.	July 1, 1962	July 31, 1965
Gen. Kenneth B. Hobson	Aug. 1, 1965	July 31, 1967
Gen. Thomas P. Gerrity	Aug. 1, 1967	Feb. 24, 1968
Lt. Gen. Lewis L. Mundell (acting)	Feb. 24, 1968	March 28, 1968
Gen. Jack G. Merrell	March 29, 1968	Sept. 11, 1972
Gen. Jack J. Catton	Sept. 12, 1972	Aug. 31, 1974
Gen. William V. McBride	Sept. 1, 1974	Aug. 31, 1975
Gen. F. Michael Rogers	Sept. 1, 1975	Jan. 31, 1978
Gen. Bryce Poe II	Feb. 1, 1978	July 31, 1981
Gen. James P. Mullins	Aug. 1, 1981	Nov. 1, 1984
Gen. Earl T. O'Loughlin	Nov. 1, 1984	July 31, 1987
Gen. Alfred G. Hansen	July 31, 1987	Oct. 31, 1989
Gen. Charles C. McDonald	Oct. 31, 1989	July 1, 1992

Antecedents: AAF Materiel and Services 1944; AAF Technical Service Command 1944; Air Technical Service Command 1945; Air Materiel Command 1946; Air Force Logistics Command 1961. Inactivated July 1, 1992.



F-89D Scorpion Interceptors from the 1950s belonging to Air Defense Command.

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AIR FORCE RESERVE

Maj. Gen. Rollin B. Moore Jr.	Aug. 1, 1968	Jan. 27, 1972
Brig. Gen. Alfred Verhulst (acting)	Jan. 27, 1972	March 16, 1972
Maj. Gen. Homer I. Lewis	March 16, 1972	April 16, 1975
Maj. Gen. William Lyon	April 16, 1975	April 17, 1979
Maj. Gen. Richard Bodycombe	April 17, 1979	Nov. 1, 1982
Maj. Gen. Sloan R. Gill	Nov. 1, 1982	Nov. 1, 1986
Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer	Nov. 1, 1986	Nov. 1, 1990
Maj. Gen. John J. Closner III	Nov. 1, 1990	Nov. 1, 1994
Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh	Nov. 1, 1994	Feb. 17, 1997

Established as Air Force Reserve, an operating agency, June 21, 1968. Became a direct reporting unit July 1, 1978. Returned to agency status May 1, 1983. Became a field operating agency Feb. 5, 1991. Redesignated Air Force Reserve Command Feb. 17, 1997. For current leaders, see Air Force Reserve Command in Major Command and ANG Leaders.

AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND

Maj. Gen. David M. Schlatter	Feb. 1, 1950	June 24, 1951
Lt. Gen. Earle E. Partridge	June 24, 1951	June 20, 1953
Lt. Gen. Donald L. Putt	June 30, 1953	April 14, 1954
Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Power	April 15, 1954	June 30, 1957
Maj. Gen. John Sessums (acting)	July 1, 1957	July 31, 195
Lt. Gen. Samuel E. Anderson	Aug. 1, 1957	March 9, 1959
Maj. Gen. John Sessums (acting)	March 10, 1959	April 24, 1959
Gen. Bernard A. Schriever	April 25, 1959	Aug. 31, 1966
Gen. James Ferguson	Sept. 1, 1966	Aug. 30, 1970
Gen. George S. Brown	Sept. 1, 1970	July 31, 1973
Gen. Samuel C. Phillips	Aug. 1, 1973	Aug. 31, 1975
Gen. William J. Evans	Sept. 1, 1975	July 31, 1977
Gen. Lew Allen Jr.	Aug. 1, 1977	March 13, 1978
Gen. Alton D. Slay	March 14, 1978	Feb. 1, 1981
Gen. Robert T. Marsh	Feb. 1, 1981	Aug. 1, 1984
Gen. Lawrence A. Skantze	Aug. 1, 1984	July 17, 1987
Gen. Bernard P. Randolph	July 17, 1987	April 1, 1990
Gen. Ronald W. Yates	April 1, 1990	July 1, 1992

Formerly Air Research and Development Command. Redesignated Air Force Systems Command April 1, 1961. Inactivated July 1, 1992.

AIR PROVING GROUND COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Carl A. Brandt	October 1946	August 1948
Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner	August 1948	June 1950
Maj. Gen. Bryant L. Boatner	July 1950	July 1952
Maj. Gen. Patrick W. Timberlake	July 1952	April 1955
Maj. Gen. Robert W. Burns	August 1955	July 1957

Designated a center December 1957.

Historic Major Command Leaders (continued)

AIR TRAINING COMMAND

Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount	Jan. 28 1942	Sept. 27, 1945	Lt. Gen. George B. Simler	Sept. 1, 1970	Sept. 9, 1972
Maj. Gen. James P. Hodges	Sept. 27, 1945	April 13, 1946	Lt. Gen. William V. McBride	Sept. 9, 1972	Aug. 31, 1974
Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon	April 13, 1946	Oct. 13, 1948	Lt. Gen. George H. McKee	Sept. 1, 1974	Aug. 28, 1975
Lt. Gen. Robert W. Harper	Oct. 14, 1948	June 30, 1954	Gen. John W. Roberts	Aug. 29, 1975	April 1, 1979
Maj. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus (acting)	July 1, 1954	July 25, 1954	Gen. Bennie L. Davis	April 1, 1979	July 28, 1981
Lt. Gen. Charles T. Myers	July 26, 1954	July 31, 1958	Gen. Thomas M. Ryan Jr.	July 29, 1981	June 22, 1983
Lt. Gen. Frederic H. Smith Jr.	Aug. 1, 1958	July 31, 1959	Gen. Andrew P. Iosue	June 23, 1983	Aug. 27, 1986
Lt. Gen. James E. Briggs	Aug. 1, 1959	July 31, 1963	Lt. Gen. John A. Shaud	Aug. 28, 1986	June 5, 1988
Lt. Gen. Robert W. Burns	Aug. 1, 1963	Aug. 10, 1964	Lt. Gen. Robert C. Oaks	June 6, 1988	June 24, 1990
Lt. Gen. William W. Momyer	Aug. 11, 1964	June 30, 1966	Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Ashy	June 25, 1990	Dec. 9, 1992
Lt. Gen. Sam Maddux Jr.	July 1, 1966	Aug. 30, 1970	Gen. Henry Viccellio Jr.	Dec. 11, 1992	June 30, 1993

Established as Air Corps Flying Training Command Jan. 23, 1942. Redesignated as AAF Flying Training Command March 15, 1942; AAF Training Command July 31, 1943; Air Training Command July 1, 1946; Air Education and Training Command July 1, 1993. For current leaders, see Air Education and Training Command in Major Command and ANG Leaders.

AIR UNIVERSITY

Maj. Gen. Muir S. Fairchild	March 15, 1946	May 17, 1948	Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem II	Aug. 1, 1970	Oct. 31, 1973
Maj. Gen. Robert W. Harper	May 17, 1948	Oct. 15, 1948	Lt. Gen. F. Michael Rogers	Nov. 1, 1973	Aug. 31, 1975
Gen. George C. Kenney	Oct. 16, 1948	July 27, 1951	Lt. Gen. Raymond B. Furlong	Sept. 1, 1975	July 1, 1979
Lt. Gen. Idwal H. Edwards	July 28, 1951	Feb. 28, 1953	Lt. Gen. Stanley M. Umstead	July 1, 1979	July 24, 1981
Maj. Gen. John DeF. Barker (acting)	March 1, 1953	April 14, 1953	Lt. Gen. Charles G. Cleveland	July 24, 1981	Aug. 1, 1984
Lt. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter	April 15, 1953	May 31, 1955	Lt. Gen. Thomas C. Richards	Aug. 1, 1984	Nov. 6, 1986
Lt. Gen. Dean C. Strother	June 1, 1955	June 30, 1958	Lt. Gen. Truman Spangrud	Nov. 6, 1986	July 12, 1988
Lt. Gen. Walter E. Todd	July 15, 1958	July 31, 1961	Lt. Gen. Ralph E. Havens	July 12, 1988	Oct. 6, 1989
Lt. Gen. Troup Miller Jr.	Aug. 1, 1961	Dec. 31, 1963	Maj. Gen. David C. Reed	Oct. 6, 1989	Jan. 4, 1990
Lt. Gen. Ralph P. Swofford Jr.	Jan. 1, 1964	July 31, 1965	Lt. Gen. Charles G. Boyd	Jan. 4, 1990	Oct. 26, 1992
Lt. Gen. John W. Carpenter III	Aug. 1, 1965	July 31, 1968	Lt. Gen. Jay W. Kelley	Oct. 27, 1992	June 30, 1993
Lt. Gen. Albert P. Clark	Aug. 1, 1968	July 31, 1970			

With lineage dating to the Air Service School, Feb. 25, 1920. Designated Air University, a major command, March 12, 1946. Lost majcom status July 1, 1978; regained July 1, 1983; lost again July 1, 1993.

ALASKAN AIR COMMAND

Brig. Gen. Joseph H. Atkinson	Oct. 1, 1946	Feb. 25, 1949	Maj. Gen. Wendell W. Bowman	July 26, 1961	Aug. 8, 1963
Brig. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr.	Feb. 26, 1949	Dec. 27, 1950	Col. Alfred Walton (acting)	Aug. 9, 1963	Aug. 14, 1963
Maj. Gen. William D. Old	Dec. 27, 1950	Oct. 14, 1952	Maj. Gen. James C. Jensen	Aug. 15, 1963	Nov. 14, 1966
Brig. Gen. W. R. Agee	Oct. 27, 1952	Feb. 26, 1953	Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Moore	Nov. 15, 1966	July 24, 1969
Maj. Gen. George R. Acheson	Feb. 26, 1953	Feb. 1, 1956	Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Cunningham	July 25, 1969	July 31, 1972
Brig. Gen. T. Alan Bennett (acting)	Feb. 1, 1956	Feb. 24, 1956	Maj. Gen. Donavon F. Smith	Aug. 1, 1972	June 5, 1973
Lt. Gen. Joseph H. Atkinson	Feb. 24, 1956	July 16, 1956	Maj. Gen. Charles W. Carson Jr.	June 18, 1973	March 2, 1974
Maj. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr.	July 17, 1956	Oct. 23, 1956	Col. David T. Stockman (acting)	March 3, 1974	March 18, 1974
Maj. Gen. James H. Davies	Oct. 24, 1956	June 27, 1957	Maj. Gen. Jack K. Gamble	March 19, 1974	June 30, 1975
Lt. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr.	June 28, 1957	Aug. 18, 1957	Lt. Gen. James E. Hill	July 1, 1975	Oct. 14, 1976
Brig. Gen. Kenneth H. Gibson	Aug. 19, 1957	Aug. 13, 1958	Lt. Gen. M. L. Boswell	Oct. 15, 1976	June 30, 1978
Maj. Gen. C. F. Necrason	Aug. 14, 1958	July 19, 1961	Lt. Gen. Winfield W. Scott Jr.	July 1, 1978	April 1, 1981
Brig. Gen. Jack A. Gibbs (acting)	July 20, 1961	July 25, 1961	Lt. Gen. Lynwood E. Clark	April 1, 1981	Aug. 31, 1983
			Lt. Gen. Bruce K. Brown	Sept. 1, 1983	Sept. 26, 1985
			Lt. Gen. David L. Nichols	Sept. 27, 1985	May 22, 1988
			Lt. Gen. Thomas G. McInerney	May 22, 1988	Aug. 9, 1990

Activated as Alaskan Air Force 1942. Redesignated: Eleventh Air Force 1942; Alaskan Air Command 1945; 11th Air Force Aug. 9, 1990, under Pacific Air Forces.

CONTINENTAL AIR COMMAND

Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer	Dec. 1, 1948	April 15, 1949			
Lt. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead	April 15, 1949	Dec. 14, 1950			
Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale	Dec. 14, 1950	Feb. 18, 1952			
Lt. Gen. Leon W. Johnson	Feb. 18, 1952	Dec. 14, 1955			
Lt. Gen. Charles B. Stone III	Dec. 15, 1955	June 30, 1957			
Lt. Gen. William E. Hall	July 1, 1957	Sept. 30, 1961			
Lt. Gen. Gordon A. Blake	Sept. 30, 1961	June 30, 1962			
Lt. Gen. Edward J. Timberlake	July 1, 1962	June 19, 1965			
Maj. Gen. Albert Wilson (acting)	June 19, 1965	Aug. 18, 1965			
Lt. Gen. Cecil H. Childre	Aug. 18, 1965	May 1966			
Maj. Gen. Stanley Holtoner (acting)	May 1966	July 30, 1966			
Lt. Gen. Henry Viccellio Sr.	Aug. 1, 1966	Aug. 1, 1968			

Established Dec. 1, 1948. Inactivated Aug. 1, 1968.



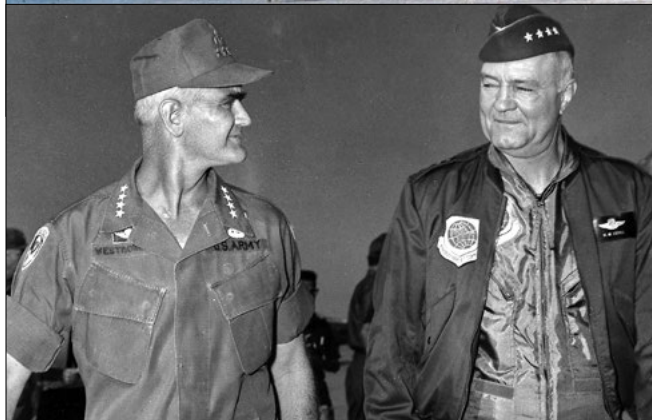
A student and instructor pilot at Air Training Command's undergraduate navigator school prepare for flight in a T-37 aircraft at Mather AFB, Calif.

Historic Major Command Leaders (continued)



USAF, courtesy

The C-124 Globemaster considerably improved USAF airlift capability in the Far East in the 1950s.



Gen. William Westmoreland (I), commander of US Forces in Vietnam, and Gen. Howell Estes Jr., commander of Military Airlift Command.

ELECTRONIC SECURITY COMMAND/AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND

Col. Roy H. Lynn	Oct. 26, 1948	July 5, 1949
Col. Travis M. Hetherington	July 6, 1949	Feb. 21, 1951
Maj. Gen. Roy H. Lynn	Feb. 22, 1951	Feb. 13, 1953
Maj. Gen. Harold H. Bassett	Feb. 14, 1953	Jan. 3, 1957
Maj. Gen. Gordon L. Blake	Jan. 4, 1957	Aug. 5, 1959
Maj. Gen. John B. Ackerman	Aug. 6, 1959	Sept. 20, 1959
Maj. Gen. Millard Lewis	Sept. 21, 1959	Aug. 31, 1962
Maj. Gen. Richard P. Klocko	Sept. 1, 1962	Oct. 15, 1965
Maj. Gen. Louis E. Coira	Oct. 16, 1965	July 18, 1969
Maj. Gen. Carl W. Stapleton	July 19, 1969	Feb. 23, 1973
Maj. Gen. Walter T. Galligan	Feb. 24, 1973	May 16, 1974
Maj. Gen. Howard P. Smith	May 17, 1974	July 31, 1975
Maj. Gen. Kenneth D. Burns	Aug. 1, 1975	Jan. 18, 1979
Maj. Gen. Doyle E. Larson	Jan. 19, 1979	July 31, 1983
Maj. Gen. John B. Marks	Aug. 1, 1983	April 16, 1985
Maj. Gen. Paul H. Martin	April 17, 1985	Aug. 14, 1989
Maj. Gen. Gary W. O'Shaughnessy	Aug. 15, 1989	June 1, 1993
Maj. Gen. Kenneth A. Minihan	June 2, 1993	Oct. 1, 1993

Formerly USAF Security Service. Redesignated Electronic Security Command Aug. 1, 1979; Air Force Intelligence Command Oct. 1, 1991. Changed to field operating agency, Air Intelligence Agency, Oct. 1, 1993.

FAR EAST AIR FORCES

Gen. George C. Kenney	Aug. 3, 1944	Dec. 30, 1945
Lt. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead	Dec. 30, 1945	April 26, 1949
Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer	April 26, 1949	May 21, 1951
Lt. Gen. Earle E. Partridge (acting)	May 21, 1951	June 10, 1951
Gen. Otto P. Weyland	June 10, 1951	March 26, 1954
Gen. Earle E. Partridge	March 26, 1954	June 4, 1955
Gen. Laurence S. Kuter	June 4, 1955	July 1, 1959

Activated as Far East Air Forces Aug. 3, 1944. Redesignated Pacific Air Command, US Army, Dec. 6, 1945; Far East Air Forces Jan. 1, 1947; Pacific Air Forces July 1, 1957. For current leaders, see Pacific Air Forces in Major Command and ANG Leaders.

HEADQUARTERS COMMAND

Brig. Gen. Burton M. Hovey	Jan. 3, 1946	Dec. 13, 1948
Brig. Gen. Sydney D. Grubbs	Dec. 14, 1948	Oct. 1, 1950
Brig. Gen. Morris J. Lee	Oct. 2, 1950	June 13, 1952
Brig. Gen. Stoyte O. Ross	June 14, 1952	July 4, 1956
Maj. Gen. Reuben C. Hood Jr.	Aug. 1, 1956	June 30, 1959
Maj. Gen. Brooke E. Allen	Aug. 3, 1959	Dec. 31, 1965
Maj. Gen. Rollen H. Anthis	Jan. 10, 1966	Nov. 30, 1967
Maj. Gen. Milton B. Adams	Dec. 1, 1967	June 30, 1968
Maj. Gen. Nils O. Ohman	July 5, 1968	April 30, 1972
Maj. Gen. John L. Locke	May 1, 1972	Feb. 25, 1974
Maj. Gen. Maurice R. Reilly	Feb. 26, 1974	August 1975
Maj. Gen. William C. Norris	Sept. 1, 1975	June 30, 1976

Established as Bolling Field Command 1946. Redesignated Headquarters Command, USAF, March 17, 1948. Inactivated 1976.

MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Robert M. Olds	May 29, 1941	April 1, 1942
Lt. Gen. Harold L. George	April 1, 1942	Sept. 20, 1946
Maj. Gen. Robert M. Webster	Sept. 20, 1946	July 1, 1947
Maj. Gen. Robert W. Harper	July 1, 1947	June 1, 1948
Lt. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter	June 1, 1948	Nov. 19, 1951
Lt. Gen. Joseph Smith	Nov. 19, 1951	July 1, 1958
Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner	July 1, 1958	June 1, 1960
Gen. Joe W. Kelly	June 1, 1960	July 19, 1964
Gen. Howell M. Estes Jr.	July 19, 1964	Aug. 1, 1969
Gen. Jack J. Catton	Aug. 1, 1969	Sept. 12, 1972
Lt. Gen. Jay T. Robbins (acting)	Sept. 12, 1972	Sept. 20, 1972
Gen. Paul K. Carlton	Sept. 20, 1972	April 1, 1977
Gen. William G. Moore Jr.	April 1, 1977	July 1, 1979
Gen. Robert E. Huyser	July 1, 1979	June 26, 1981
Gen. James R. Allen	June 26, 1981	June 30, 1983
Gen. Thomas M. Ryan Jr.	June 30, 1983	Sept. 20, 1985
Gen. Duane H. Cassidy	Sept. 20, 1985	Sept. 22, 1989
Gen. Hansford T. Johnson	Sept. 22, 1989	June 1, 1992

Established as Air Corps Ferrying Command May 29, 1941. Redesignated AAF Ferry Command March 9, 1942; AAF Ferrying Command March 31, 1942; Air Transport Command July 1, 1942; Military Air Transport Service June 1, 1948; Military Airlift Command Jan. 1, 1966. Inactivated June 1, 1992. Consolidated with Air Mobility Command. For current leaders, see Air Mobility Command in Major Command and ANG Leaders.

NORTHEAST AIR COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Lyman P. Whitten	Oct. 6, 1950	March 14, 1952
Maj. Gen. Charles T. Myers	March 14, 1952	July 26, 1954
Lt. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus	July 26, 1954	March 31, 1957

Newfoundland Base Command, part of Military Air Transport Service, was reorganized and redesignated Northeast Air Command, a new major command, Oct. 1, 1950. Inactivated March 31, 1957.

Historic Major Command Leaders (continued)



A SAC B-52H Stratofortress during the multinational joint service Exercise Bright Star '85 out of Cairo West AB, Egypt.

STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND

Brig. Gen. Eugene H. Beebe	Dec. 15, 1944	March 1, 1945
Maj. Gen. St. Clair Streett	March 1, 1945	July 1, 1945
Gen. Henry H. Arnold	July 1, 1945	March 21, 1946
Gen. George C. Kenney	March 21, 1946	Oct. 18, 1948
Gen. Curtis E. LeMay	Oct. 19, 1948	June 30, 1957
Gen. Thomas S. Power	July 1, 1957	Nov. 30, 1964
Gen. John D. Ryan	Dec. 1, 1964	Jan. 31, 1967
Gen. Joseph J. Nazzaro	Feb. 1, 1967	July 28, 1968
Gen. Bruce K. Holloway	July 29, 1968	April 30, 1972
Gen. John C. Meyer	May 1, 1972	July 31, 1974
Gen. Russell E. Dougherty	Aug. 1, 1974	July 31, 1977
Gen. Richard H. Ellis	Aug. 1, 1977	July 31, 1981
Gen. Bennie L. Davis	Aug. 1, 1981	July 31, 1985
Gen. Larry D. Welch	Aug. 1, 1985	June 30, 1986
Gen. John T. Chain	July 1, 1986	Jan. 31, 1991
Gen. George L. Butler	Feb. 1, 1991	June 1, 1992

Established as Continental Air Forces Dec. 13, 1944. Redesignated Strategic Air Command March 21, 1946. Inactivated June 1, 1992. Redesignated and activated as Air Force Global Strike Command Aug. 7, 2009. For current leaders, see Air Force Global Strike Command in Major Command and ANG Leaders.

TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

Lt. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada	March 21, 1946	Nov. 24, 1948
Maj. Gen. Robert M. Lee	Nov. 24, 1948	July 8, 1950
Maj. Gen. Otto P. Weyland	July, 8 1950	July 17, 1950
Maj. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus	July 17, 1950	Jan. 25, 1951
Gen. John K. Cannon	Jan. 25, 1951	May 1, 1954
Gen. Otto P. Weyland	May 1, 1954	Aug. 1, 1959
Gen. Frank F. Everest	Aug. 1, 1959	Oct. 1, 1961
Gen. Walter C. Sweeney Jr.	Oct. 1, 1961	Aug. 1, 1965
Gen. Gabriel P. Disosway	Aug. 1, 1965	Aug. 1, 1968
Gen. William W. Momyer	Aug. 1, 1968	Oct. 1, 1973
Gen. Robert J. Dixon	Oct. 1, 1973	May 1, 1978
Gen. W. L. Creech	May 1, 1978	Sept. 28, 1984
Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley	Sept. 28, 1984	May 22, 1985
Gen. Robert D. Russ	May 22, 1985	March 26, 1991
Gen. John Michael Loh	March 26, 1991	June 1, 1992

Established as Tactical Air Command March 21, 1946. Lost majcom status and assigned to Continental Air Command Dec. 1, 1948. Returned to majcom status Dec. 1, 1950. Inactivated June 1, 1992. Consolidated with Air Combat Command. For current leaders, see Air Combat Command in Major Command and ANG Leaders.



SAC Chief Gen. Richard Ellis (r) receiving top-level communications in his airborne command post on Dec. 1, 1979.

US AIR FORCES SOUTHERN COMMAND / CARIBBEAN

Maj. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon	July 31, 1946	Oct. 3, 1947
Brig. Gen. Glen C. Jamison (acting)	Oct. 4, 1947	Nov. 12, 1947
Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale	Nov. 13, 1947	Oct. 19, 1949
Brig. Gen. Rosenham Beam	Oct. 20, 1949	Nov. 5, 1950
Brig. Gen. Emil C. Kiel	Nov. 6, 1950	June 10, 1953
Maj. Gen. Reuben C. Hood Jr.	June 11, 1953	June 16, 1956
Maj. Gen. Truman H. Landon	June 20, 1956	June 1, 1959
Maj. Gen. Leland S. Stranathan	Aug. 3, 1959	Sept. 8, 1963
Maj. Gen. Robert A. Breitweiser	Sept. 11, 1963	July 9, 1966
Maj. Gen. Reginald J. Clizbe	Aug. 6, 1966	June 14, 1968
Maj. Gen. Kenneth O. Sanborn	June 14, 1968	April 7, 1972
Maj. Gen. Arthur G. Salisbury	April 7, 1972	Oct. 31, 1974
Maj. Gen. James M. Breedlove	Oct. 31, 1974	Jan. 1, 1976

Antecedents: Panama Canal Air Force 1940; Caribbean Air Force 1941; Sixth Air Force 1942; Caribbean Air Command July 31, 1946; US Air Forces Southern Command July 8, 1963. Inactivated Jan. 1, 1976.

US STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE

Brig. Gen. Asa N. Duncan	Jan 28, 1942	May 5, 1942
Maj. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz	May 5, 1942	Dec. 1, 1942
Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker	Dec. 1, 1942	Jan. 6, 1944
Gen. Carl A. Spaatz	Jan. 6, 1944	June 3, 1945
Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon	June 3, 1945	June 13, 1945
Gen. Carl A. Spaatz	June 13, 1945	July 4, 1945
Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon	July 4, 1945	Aug. 7, 1945

Established as 8th Air Force Jan. 19, 1942. Redesignated Eighth Air Force Sept. 18, 1942; United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe Feb. 22, 1944; US Air Forces in Europe Aug. 7, 1945. For current leaders, see US Air Forces in Europe in the Major Command and ANG Leaders.