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Reservist takes 10th AF reins

Brig. Gen. Roy M. Marshall, an Air Force reservist for 25 years and a successful Detroit businessman, has assumed command of the 10th Air Force at Bergstrom AFB, Tex.

As a reserve commander, he exercises operational control over 167 Air Force Reserve units located in a 12-state area and over 14,500 Air Force reservists.

This assignment brings to the 10th AF a commander whose civilian endeavors have uniquely prepared him for this management field. In his home state of Michigan, General Marshall has been president of a restaurant chain; vice-president and secretary-treasurer of a land corporation and vice-president of a consultant firm. He is on the Board of Directors of the Greater Michigan Foundation and is a Director of the Greater Detroit Safety Council.

Previously, General Marshall had commanded the 403d Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich.

Born in Columbus, Ind., on Apr 3, 1923, General Marshall moved to Detroit at an early age and has been a resident there ever since.

He entered the Army Air Corps in 1942 and received his commission and aviator wings in 1944. General Marshall flew 79 combat missions in Europe during World War II. He was being redeployed to the Pacific Theater of Operations when the war with Japan ended and he returned to civilian life where he completed college and received a Bachelor of Administration degree from Wayne State University.



Brig. Gen. Roy M. Marshall

C E bound for Canal Zone in March

Summer camp will come early for the Civil Engineering Flight in 1977.

Lt. Col. Billy L. Medley, commander, Maj. Terry L. Mock, PRIME BEEF Officer, and MSgt. Clarence C. Cochran first sergeant, will lead 85 men with tools and equipment into the Canal Zone for a construction project.

The PRIME BEEF team will deploy Tinker AFB on Mar 26, 1977 and return on Apr. 9, 1977.

Central Region now 10thAF

The Air Force Reserve Regions, including the Central Region, parent organization of the 507th TFGp, were redesignated as numbered Air Forces (Reserve) or NAF(R) effective last month. Each NAF(R) will "interface" with specific active duty numbered Air Forces of the major commands which gain the reservists upon mobilization.

Since 1960, the reserve regions have been the intermediate management level between Air Force Reserve Headquarters and Air Force Reserve Units. The regions were responsible for training supervision and command support, much like the active duty numbered Air Forces. As such, aligning the regions directly to the gaining commands' numbered Air Force was a logical step.

Maj. Gen. William Lyon, Chief of Air Force Reserve, Washington, D. C. stated that the alignment will strengthen the horizontal interface between active duty and reserve command structures at the intermediate level. The redesignation better describes the mission and level of operation of the former reserve regions.

In January 1976, General Lyon selected six officers, headed by Maj. Gen. Gwynn Robinson, mobilization assistant to the secretary of the Air Force, to analyze the USAFR organization and develop the best management structure for the component.

The group, designated as the management implementation team (MIT), made a complete functional evaluation at every level of the USAFR. Their conclusion was that, given the unique training requirements of the USAFR, a strong intermediate management level was necessary to maintain the combat ready status of USAFR units.

According to General Lyon, "Not only will the realignment increase the responsiveness of the Air Force Reserve to mobilization requirements, it will also assist in the establishment of an improved wartime mission for the reserve numbered Air Forces.

In addition, the new alignment

provides the needed reserve intermediate management structure, while maintaining flexibility to adjust to future force changes.

Secretary of the Air Force Thomas C. Reed said, "Implementation will be accomplished with a minimum of turbalence, will not impair unit readiness and will be effected at or below currently programmed Air Force reserve resources."

The former Eastern Region Dobbins AFB, will become 14th Air Force(Reserve) and Western Region, McClellan AFB, Calif., will become Fourth Air Force (Reserve) aligned with the 21st and 22nd Air Force (MAC) respectively. Strategic and Tactical Air Commands (SAC and TAC) gained units will be organized under the 10th Air Force (Reserve), formerly Central Region, Bergstrom AFB, Tex. The 10th Air Force (Reserve) will be aligned with the Eighth and 15th Air Forces(SAC) and the Ninth and 12th Air Forces (TAC). An Aerospace Defense Command (ADCOM) gained squadron will be assigned to the 10th Air Force (Reserve).

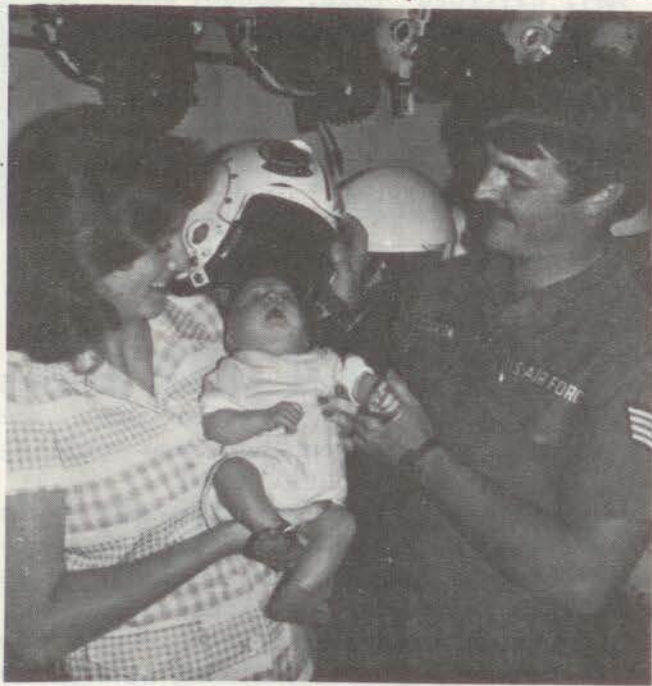
General Lyon said, "I consider the final development and implementation of this concept to be the single most important action the Air Force Reserve has undertaken in several years."

TOLL FREE numbers at ARPC's new location at Lowry AFB, Colo., are: Airman Management Division (DPRA-800-525-1968); Officer Management Division (DPRO--800-525-1967); Inquiry Division (DPRI--800--525-1964); and Individual Reserve Training (RT-800-525-1965).

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Williamsons' Awarded Bicentennial Baby

Dean, an ART, and Carol, a reservist, met on their jobs in the Life Support section two years ago. Before long, Carol found herself working full-time as one of our few female ART employees.

In this 'cool clothes closet' of fighter pilot gear, Dean offered Carol a "survival kit" and the two formed their own car pool as Mr. and Mrs. Williamson.

Now that was a first for the 507th, but the life support caretakers had their eye on history.

Yes, you're looking at their BABY-centennial, JASON, born July 4..a real nine-pound firecracker.

EAC sponsors needy family for Christmas

The Enlisted Advisory Council will sponsor a needy family for the unit's Christmas project this year. TSgt. John E. Lones, Combat Support Squadron, was selected to solicit support from all organizations.

As there will be only one-weekend between the November and December UTA, Sgt. Lones asked that clothes, toys, canned goods and any non-perishable items be given to the following Christmas project monitors:

TSgt. John E. Lones, CSSq
 TSgt. Maurice E. Nero, 10th Maint
 SSgt. Margaret E. Grantham, CAMSg
 SSgt. Gary D. Drake, CAMSg
 Sgt. Nelson Echeverria, 465th

A committee from the council will be responsible for selecting the needy family and Sgt. Lones said, if you know of any candidates, please contact him in the Chaplains Office, Ext 7075.

Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer, 507th commander, said, "I hope everyone can at least bring one toy or one useful item. We must recognize that we have neighbors in the community who are struggling. A small generosity on the part of everyone could make a lasting memory for some family who needs our concern."

Reserve Vice Chief retires at Robins AFB

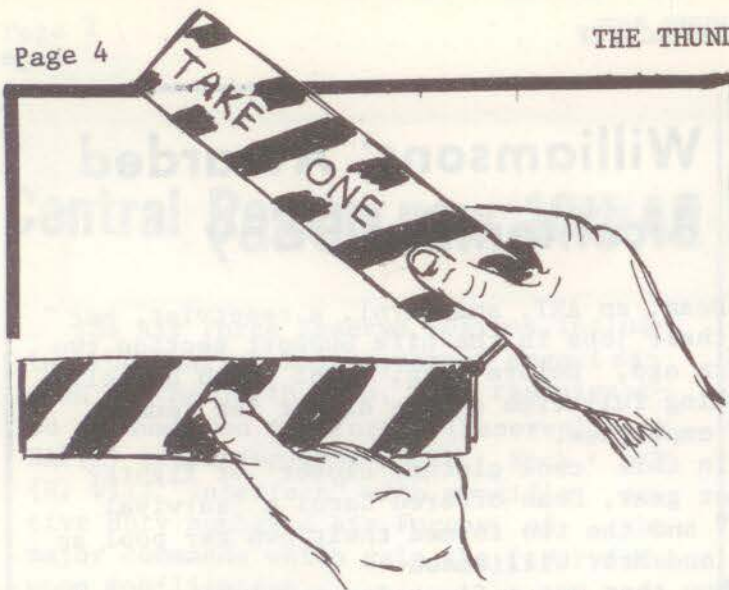
Maj. Gen. Earl O. Anderson, Vice Commander of the Air Force Reserve (AFRES) command, was retired in ceremonies held Oct. 15 at headquarters, Robins AFB, Ga.

General Anderson was presented the distinguished service medal, the highest U. S. peacetime decoration, at a 400-man formation and parade.

Although General Anderson's disting-

uished military career was terminated early as the result of a coronary, he has made an excellent recovery and is considering entering law school in Atlanta following his retirement.

Brig. Gen. James E. McAdoo has been recalled to extended active duty effective Dec. 1 to replace General Anderson



Congratulations to A1C, Debbie S. Harrison, MOS Flt, on her super performance in Maintenance Control. For taking that "extra step", a Letter of Commendation reached her commander, Maj. John D. Ellington.

Shedding major leaves for Lt. Col. "silvers" is John J. Closner, III, 465th commander. September has been good to the Closners. His wife, Angela, took 2nd place at the State Fair on her bread.

The 507th now has a photo-mission display that pictorially says "we've got it together." The display had its debut at the 11-day long State Fair and will come to rest in the Headquarters' lobby when not busy telling our story in the community. A special thanks to MSgt. Cochran for his assistance in setting-up the display and our models, TSgt. Stephen Kelly, TSgt. John Spaulding, both from CAM Sq, and Lt. Col Closner, 465th TFSq.

Maj. Clifford Cole, COSSQ, was promoted recently to GS-12 in base Accounting and Finance.

Check out the August/September issue of Air Reservist magazine for a story devoted to 507th participation in REL FLAG IV. Headquarters' lobby has one displayed.

Greeting the public are new recruiters SSgt. Bobby L. Griffin and Sgt. James E. Cushman. Both attended recruiter training at Lackland last month. Recruiter, MSgt. Loyd G. Sturm, accepted a full-time civilian position with the VA in Muskogee and can be found pulling UTAs in the 3ALC at Stillwater.

New Combat Support Flight commander is Maj. James D. Young and filling his vacancy as Mobility Support Flight commander is Maj. John D. Ellington.

On the flying schedule more often now after F-105 up-grade training at McConnell are Capt. Randy Freeman and Roy Hartman. Just entering McConnell training is Capt. Craig S. Ferguson. May all your passes be worthy!

Newest majors in the 465th are Roger Coakley and Eddie Kirkpatrick.

Pilot of the Month is Capt. Ronald D. Hammons.

New Bicentennial "Grandpappy" is MSgt. Jerry N. Haley, QC. Jerry is shaking hands "76" times on the arrival of his first grandson.

Special congratulations to Capt. Jerry A. Wrucha, group safety officer, for receiving the Commandant Award during his Combat Operations Specialist training at Hulbert Field, Fla.

Jolly says CFC tops 143 per cent

Under the empathic and genuine efforts of Combined Federal Campaign project officer, Major William R. Jolly, the 507th successfully closed the biggest charitable event in its history.

The workforce of the 507th contributed \$7,846 in a "can do" spirit which will go toward the health and welfare of thousands of disadvantaged and afflicted neighbors and friends in the Tinker community.

Special recognition goes to CMSgt. Shirley Moore and the Field Maintenance Branch with 100 per cent of employees contributing \$2,466 or over one-third of the unit total.

The 507th received a CFC Early Bird Award for meeting the goal before close-out.

Maj. Jolly was delighted with the response and said he hopes the workforce continues to give generously in future CFC campaigns.