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301st welcomes new commander

Maj. Gen. Thomas Coon, 10th Air Force commander (left), presents the wing guidon to the new 301st Fighter Wing commander, Col. Richard Scobee (right) during the 301st Fighter Wing change of command ceremony April 4 at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech Sgt Julie Briden-Garcia)

Bio Basics

Here is a first glance at the new commander:

Wife - Janis, three children

- Last Assignment; commander of the 944th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., which contained more than half of the F-16 pilots in all of the Air Force Reserve Command

- Graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1986

- Earned his pilot wings as a distinguished graduate 1987

- Served on active duty from 1986 to 2000

- Joined Reserve in 2000

- Past duties:
 - F-16 pilot, instructor pilot and flight examiner both domestically and overseas

- Served in Iraq, Germany, Korea and Egypt

- Was commander of Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq in 2008

- Command pilot with more than 3,800 hours including 3,200 hours in the F-16

- Favorite Movie - Fletch



Colonel Richard Scobee addressed members of his new wing at the 301st Fighter Wing change of command ceremony April 4 here (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech Sgt Julie Briden-Garcia)

A peaceful exchange of leadership

MSgt Shawn McCowan Public Affairs

Colonel Richard W. Scobee became the new 301st Fighter Wing commander Saturday, April 4 at about 3:45 pm. By 4 pm, members who attended the change of command ceremony had no doubt about his sincerity.

“I have been very fortunate to see some incredible leadership throughout my career, and Brig. Gen.-select Kevin Pottinger has done a fantastic job as my predecessor here at the 301st. I look forward to continuing all the relationships he built here.”



Colonel Scobee complimented his wife, Janis' (right), acceptance of his busy and mobile career, but she was all smiles as he became the new 301st Fighter Wing commander (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech Sgt Julie Briden-Garcia)

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Time-honored tradition of service

Shawn Bailey (center) was administered the enlisted oath here by Lt. Col. David Brown (foreground), commander, Central Recruiting Squadron, Friday, April 24, 2009. Bailey's Uncle, Senior Master Sgt. Philip Brown (background), was on hand to witness and support his enlistment. According to Sergeant Brown, Bailey continues a family tradition of military memebrrs, as his enlistment marks the fifth generation of their family to serve in the military. (U.S. AirForce Photo/ Master Sgt Shawn McCowan)

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Colonel Scobee showed his lighter side several times during his speech, bringing the hangar full of Airmen to fits of laughter. But it was his sincere admiration and care for each

“Our focus is going to be on the people who get the mission done.”
 -- Colonel Scobee

person and their role that brought the biggest smiles to the room.

“Most people know my father was an astronaut, but what they don’t know was that his first job was a crew chief. Maintainers, especially those here, have a very special place in my heart.”

Colonel Scobee went on to compliment the family, friends



Colonel Scobee and wife, Janis, made a point to spend time with Airmen after the 301st Fighter Wing change of command ceremony (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech Sgt Stephen Bailey)

and guests for their support of him and his career. But he saved his biggest compliments for the men and women of his new wing. He voiced awe and gratitude for the ongoing mobilizations and deployments of 301st personnel as well as those working at home station.

“I am humbled by your accomplishments and I recognize the contributions you’ve made to the Air Force and Air Force Reserve. I look forward to leading this team to the next phase, where our focus is going to be on the people who get the mission done.”

Did you know?

History of the Change of Command

The military change of command ceremony dates back to the 18th century.

During the reign of Frederick the Great of Prussia, organizational flags were developed with colors and symbols unique to each particular unit. To this flag and its commander, the soldiers of the unit would dedicate their loyalty and trust.

When a change of command was to take place, the flag was passed to the individual assuming the command. This gesture was accomplished in front of the unit so that all could see and witness their new leader peacefully assuming his dutiful position.

He who held the flag also held the soldier’s allegiance. This tradition survived throughout military history.



AF Reserve Commander calls for help in recruiting

Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, Jr.

Commander, Air Force Reserve Command

The Air Force Reserve is hiring over 8,800 in FY09 and I need your help! The strength of our Air Force Reserve depends on recruiting Americans who will uphold the high standards you have set. Your personal involvement will ensure the next generation of Airmen shares your professionalism and dedication to maintaining our nation's freedoms.

I urge you to share your Air Force Reserve experiences with your friends and family. Let them know we have many job openings and refer them to the Air Force Reserve Recruiting web site at <http://afreserve.com>.

Have you heard about our Get One Now referral program? When the individuals you refer join the Air Force Reserve, you become eligible for awards such as an iPod, HDTV or laptop computer! Go to the <http://www.get1now.us> website right now to make a referral, review awards or manage your account.

All Reservists are automatically enrolled with an account. New Reservists receive their cards within one month of joining the Air Force Reserve. We are all recruiters!

Thanks for helping us maintain our strength.

VA secretary expects big impact from post-9/11 GI Bill

Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, (AFPN)— All systems are on track for this summer's rollout of the new Post-9/11 GI Bill, which Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki said he expects to have as monumental an impact as the original World War II-era GI Bill of Rights.

The new GI Bill will provide the most comprehensive educational benefits since the original bill, officially called the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, was signed into law.

Many veterans who served after Sep 11, 2001, will be eligible for full tuition and fees and an annual stipend of up to \$1,000 for books and supplies. Reservists and National Guard members who have been activated for more than 90 days since 9/11 will have access to the same GI Bill benefits.

And for the first time, those enrolled in the Post-9/11 GI Bill program will be able to transfer unused educational benefits to spouses or children.

To qualify for transferability under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, servicemembers must have served six years on active duty or in the Selected Reserve, and must commit to another four years. But Mr. Carr said the rules could be tweaked soon to allow mid- or late-career troops to qualify, even if they can't sign on for another four years of duty due to service restrictions.

AF officials cite quicker process for filling acquisition jobs

2nd Lt. Gina M. Vaccaro

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS)— In an effort to speed up hiring in the critically manned acquisition career fields, Air Force Personnel Center officials here announced a streamlined process to fill key civilian jobs in half the time.

The growing shortage in acquisition positions resulted in Department of Defense officials authorizing components to forego the typical hiring process in order to fill the vacancies more quickly. The accelerated hiring policy pertains to mid- and senior-level positions and will be in effect through September 2012.

The updated policy makes the civilian application process easier and more efficient for specified undermanned jobs. Interested parties will be able to submit their applications directly to the organization they would like to work for. In turn, the organizations will be able to appoint qualified personnel directly to an open position without going through the typical application process.

One of the challenges in filling these shortage positions is they require both experience in the field and specific educational backgrounds targeted to the job.

While applicants will submit their resumes and supporting documents to the specific installations, all vacancy announcements will be posted on the Office of Personnel Management's [USAJOBS Web site](http://USAJOBS).

Individuals may contact the local Air Force employment office, called the civilian personnel flight, at their nearest installation for more information. Applicants also are encouraged to visit the civilian employment Web page on AFPC's "Ask" Web site to view the public notice. The site has information about how to apply, a list of vacancies and locations, a link to the qualification standards, and a link to the USAJOBS vacancy announcement.



Soldiers carry the remains of Army Spc. Israel Candelaria Mejias of San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico, off an aircraft April 7, 2009, at Dover Air Force Base, Del., which has the only stateside port mortuary. (U.S. Air Force photo/Roland Balik)

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Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner, AFRC commander (right), met with and coined Senior Airman Robert Hughes (center), a member of 301FW Services, while deployed to Joint Base Balad, Iraq. Hughes is responsible for showing and briefing base housing to distinguished visitors. SrA Hughes also volunteered his off-duty time helping sort toys/school supplies that are taken to local Iraqi children. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



Staff Sgt. Rodney Pollard (right), an Honor Guard member with the 301FW deployed to Balad Airbase, Iraq, was recognized with the Tuskegee Airman of the month certificate for his volunteerism in assisting the home station/in-country honor guard team. His efforts greatly impressed leadership there. He was also made an assistant trainer. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



Col. Bruce Cox, 332EOG deputy commander, showed the Charlie Daniels Band some Texas hospitality when they visited Balad Airbase, Iraq. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

Command Chief announces quarterly award winners

The Command Chief is pleased to announce our newest 301st Fighter Wing Quarterly Awards Winners:

Airman of the Quarter
73 Aerial Port Squadron
SrA Jorge Lomas, Jr.

NCO of the Quarter
73 Aerial Port Squadron
SSgt Cesar Martinez

SNCO of the Quarter
73 Aerial Port Squadron
MSgt Carol D. Gallegos

Please take a moment to congratulate this quarter's winners. According to the Command Chief, everyone nominated for this period were very professional individuals and should be commended for their accomplishments. Keep up the great work!

Reenlistments

301 FW
SSgt Nuynh, Phong
SSgt Kancilia, Tia

301 MXS
TSgt Honeycutt, Horace
TSgt Loyer, Randy
SSgt Mitchell, Bobby

73 APS
MSgt Dodd, Catherine

301 SVF
SSgt DeCosta, Courtney

301 CES
SMSgt Howard, Darlies

301 LRS
TSgt Petru-Pecikonis, Bridget
TSgt Pool, Willie

301 MDS
SSgt Triggs, Stephen

610 SFS
MSgt Graves, Jimmie
TSgt McCovery, Michael
SrA Rodgers, Chad

610 RSG
TSgt Talley, Christopher

10 AF
SMSgt Lockhart, Kenneth

*Commander 301st Civil Engineer Squadron
Announces
The Retirement of SMSgt Jim Stevens*

In conjunction with

301st Civil Engineer Squadron Reunion

All current and former members of the 301st CES are invited

Desert Storm Club Conference Center

Saturday, June 6, 2009 1500 Hrs

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PARTNER WITH JOINT AND COALITION TEAM TO WIN TODAY'S FIGHT:

Commander meets Guam Reservists, employers, AF partners

624th Regional Support Group Public Affairs, by Capt Christy Stravolo, 4/27/09

“The focus of this trip was to meet the Reservists, thank them for their service, and learn more about what I can do to help them accomplish their mission,” said Colonel Huston. “I also wanted to meet with some of their civilian employers because the employer is a key enabler to our success. Our Reservists can’t do the mission without the continued support of their employers,” he said.

AIR AND SPACE MODERNIZATION:

Lockheed Martin Delivers 50th C-5 AMP Aircraft

PR Newswire (press release) - New York, NY, 4/29/09

The aircraft, delivered to Air Force Reserve Command’s 433rd Airlift Wing at Lackland AFB, Texas, is now equipped with a state-of-the-art glass cockpit with modern avionics and flight instruments.

DEVELOP AND CARE FOR AIRMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES:

Surveys provide insight for Air Force Reserve leaders

AFRC/PA press release, 4/28/09

“The survey respondents represent a scientific cross-section of reservists from around the command,” said Lt. Col. Lori Largent, ICAG project officer in the Office of Air Force Reserve Strategic Communication. “Names were randomly selected, and we have about 1,300 Airmen who volunteered to participate in regular surveys.”

2008 JAG Award winners announced

Air Force Link - Washington, DC, 4/28/09

David Westbrook Award, Outstanding Reserve Paralegal: Senior Master Sgt. Imelda B. Johnson, senior individual mobilization augmentee paralegal, The Judge Advocate General’s School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

INTEREST ITEMS:

Tuskegee Airmen Use Social Media to Share Experiences

OSD/PA by Lt Jennifer Cragg, 4/27/09

“Troops are following this journey on Facebook,” Maj Andra Higgs, director of public affairs for 4th Air Force and assigned to Air Forces Central Command for this trip, said during a “DoD Live” bloggers roundtable on April 24. “We’ve got this capacity now to communicate by way of satellite around the world in real time.”

908th Airlift Wing practices for worst-case scenario tests

Montgomery Advertiser, by Jenn Rowell, 4/29/09

The simulation allows non-medical airmen to practice and prove their ability to perform buddy care, said 908th spokesman Lt. Col. Jerry Lobb. They also have to respond to a situation in which the airman may have been contaminated and could spread the chemicals.