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AFRC Commander gets Texassized welcome during visit

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10th Air Force Public Affairs

The commander of Air Force Reserve Command received a Texassize welcome when he visited Citizen Airmen assigned to 10th Air Force and 301st Fighter Wing here April 21.

Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, Jr., used this time to hold a town hall meeting to address Air Force reservists and civilians about the current state of the Air Force Reserve, along with areas the command is focusing on.

He spoke about his goal for the command to become an assured, predictable and sustainable combat power through expansion in the total-force enterprise.

General Stenner said in order for the command to become predictable, we need to have the right mix of tools from the Regular, Guard and Reserve components to balance our current operational requirements.

"Predictability is not only good for the Reserve component, but good for all three components," General Stenner said.

He unveiled his vision for the command in 2012, called "AFR2012," stating that AFRC will become a fullpartner major command and maintain its own force readiness with the goal of attaining fully operational capability.

The general stated that AFR2012 is designed not only to take care of reservists by making the process for deployment easier on them, but their



Members of 10th Air Force and 301st Fighter Wing were greeted by Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, April 21. General Stenner discussed the current the state of the Air Force Reserve, along with areas the command is focusing on. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Josh Woods)

families and employers as well.

"Everybody wants to know when you're going and when you're coming back," he said.

With the help of the AFR2012 plan and a new Force Generation Center, the general said that AFRC will provide forces directly to combatant commanders, which will make for a more predictable and sustainable operations reserve force.

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On the Cover:

Americans around the world take time Monday, May 30, to remember and honor the brave men and women who laid down their lives in defense of this nation. Dalls-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Arlington, Texas, quietly reminds all visitors that freedom was never free. (U.S. Air Force Illustration/ TSgt Shawn David McCowan).

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301st provides presence for Joint Reserve Base's Air Power Expo

Lt Col David Kurle

301st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The base played host to approximately 200,000 people April 15-17 here for Air Power Expo 2011 -- the annual open house and air show.

While the U.S. Navy units based here planned and executed the event, many Air Force Reservists from the 301st Fighter Wing participated and supported the expo in various roles.

Military acts at this year's show included the U.S. Special Operations Command's parachute demonstration team, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, the Air Force's West Coast A-10 Thunderbolt demonstration team, F-18 Hornets from the "River Rattlers" Navy Reserve unit at NAS New Orleans, La., and several static displays.

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Tech. Sgt. Tom Barnicle, from the 301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, briefs Landon McMahon (left) and his brother Tanner on the cockpit of an F-16 Fighting Falcon as their mother Shannon looks on. The three were visiting Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas, April 16, for the base's Air Power Expo 2011. Over 100,000 people were expected to visit the base each day of the two-day air show. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Chris Bolen)



A P-51 Mustang and A-10 Thunderbolt II fly a heritage formation over the Naval Air Station Fort Worth JRB, Texas, Air Expo 2011 April 16. The base played host to more than 100,000 people on the first day of the two-day air show and open house. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration team headlined the event. (U.S. Air Force photo/Lt. Col. David Kurle)



Three of the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels flight-demonstration team fly over the 2011 Air Power Expo in an echelon formation, April 17, at Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas. (U.S. Air Force photo/Lt. Col. David Kurle)



Enlisted 301st Airmen get chance to be heard by Reserve Commander

SrA Melissa Harvey 301st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Citizen Airmen often express concerns through their chain of command, but they rarely get the chance to speak with the top leader of the Air Force Reserve and share what's on their mind.

Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner, Jr., commander of Air Force Reserve Command, headquartered at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., had lunch with 16 Airmen from 10th Air Force and the 301st Fighter Wing, April 21 at Moreland Hall Dining Facility here.

For the Airmen who attended the lunch, it was an opportunity that many never have the honor to experience.

"I was excited and anxious to meet somebody of that caliber," said Senior Airman Major Berry, 457th Fighter Squadron aviation-resource manager. "I'd love to meet him again."

Participants ranged from Senior Airmen to Chief Master Sergeant and represented a variety of career fields. Those chosen understood the uniqueness of the experience, regardless of rank.

"It's an honor, a privilege, to have the ear of the command," said Senior Master Sgt. Dregory Jones, Sr., the 610th Support Group commander's executive assistant.

"If I have a question, I'm going straight to the top."

Several topics were discussed at the lunch including the Air Reserve Technician program, leadership development, the Fit-to-Fight program, uniforms, suicide prevention and upcoming changes in the command.

General Stenner encouraged the



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group of enlisted reservists to look at change in a positive way.

"With change comes opportunity," he said. "If you take these opportunities and make the best of them, we make a better Air Force."

He also took note of the effort Airmen stationed here apply to their duties.

"Thank you for what you all are doing here," he said. "It's noticed at the highest levels."

Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, Jr., spent another part of his day with the wing in a "town hall meeting" to address Air Force reservists and civilians about the current state of the Air Force Reserve and areas he is focusing on.

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44th FG salutes new commander

SrA Martha Whipple 44th Fighter Group Public Affairs

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE,

NM -- 44th Fighter Group members officially saluted its new com-mander during an assumption of command ceremony at hangar 868 here April 3.

Lt. Col. Scott Crogg, who unofficially commanded the group as vice commander since July, assumed command with Brig. Gen. Ronald Miller, 301st Fighter Wing commander, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas, presiding.

Colonel Crogg's interest in flying began when his boss gave him three free flying lessons as a gift. The 16-year-old insurance sales-man took to the California skies and never looked back.

He graduated from the Air Force Academy and went on to serve at several assignments as a pilot. He flew 140 combat missions over Iraq, totaling 500 combat flight hours. While not flying fighters, he worked for Delta Airlines as a commercial pilot.

Colonel Crogg was humbled by the people who attended the assumption of command ceremony. Many folks in attendance are not directly in his chain of command, but their support was felt, Colonel Crogg said.

"Many people were involved in getting me to where I am today," he said. "I can attest to the success of mentorship, which works both ways. I have been mentored from above and below. To see many of my mentors supporting me today sends a powerful message."

Colonel Crogg attributes his success to the people in his chain of command, previous co-workers and supervisors, to his family, and to his current unit. He thanked his father for being a "steady safety net" and thanked his mother for teaching him "all I need to



Lt. Col. Scott Crogg receives the guidon flag from Brig. Gen. Ronald Miller during the 44th Fighter Group assumption of command ceremony at Holloman Air Force Base, NM, April 3. Chief. Master Sgt. David Wood assists with the ceremonial tradition of passing the flag. (US Air Force photo by Senior Airman Martha Whipple)

know about mission and patriotism." He also thanked his sister and her family for their support.

"I send my humble thanks to the 10th Air Force leaders who en-trusted me with this role," he said. "I am confident we have the top cover to get the job done."

Colonel Crogg's focus is to continue the unit's unwavering support and integration with the 49th Wing. He also is focused on developing Airmen who are ready to support Air Force Reserve Command needs and the active duty needs at Holloman.

General Miller commended Colonel Crogg's dedication to the Air Force and his will do look for the next opportunity. General Miller noted the importance of developing Reservists who are balanced, agile and ready. Balancing civilian life, military life and family life is important for every Reservist.

Being on the leading edge, taking advantage of education benefits and looking for the next training is how each Reservist can succeed and can fit anywhere in the Air Force. Being ready when the commander in chief calls is part of the job, he said.

"Colonel Crogg is a balanced, agile, ready warrior," General Miller said. "He sets an example as a leader and continually sets the bar at a higher level. We look to him for leadership."

Colonel Crogg closed the ceremony with pledging his commitment to the unit and thanking the unit's members for their constant efforts and dedication

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301st Fighter Wing welcomes newcomers to the NAS Fort Worth JRB family

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IT organizations to consolidate

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Officials have created an information technology organization to consolidate IT assets and resources in the Air Force's manpower, personnel and services community.

The new organization will consolidate about 450 positions from IT divisions across the affected agencies and merge them. Joe Thele, the new organization's provisional director, said the realignment was necessary to reduce Air Force expenses, improve efficiency and maximize customer service and mission support.

"Consolidation is one way to drive down IT costs and improve how we support the manpower, personnel and services community," Mr. Thele said.

Mr. Thele and his team discussed the realignment with affected personnel.

For more information on the new IT organization, log into the Air Force Portal and search for "A1 Consolidated IT Organization."



Family Day scheduled for next month

Don't forget to bring the whole family to the June training weekend. The Family Day festivities kick off at 11 a.m.:

1100-1130; Welcome & Opening remarks by 301st Fighter Wing commander and 2011 CCAF graduation ceremony

1130; Lunch! A summer-time feast will be served as long as supplies last

1100 - 1600; Base Picnic Area -Games, music, entertainment, information booths & education fair with 11 colleges and universities represented

1300-1400; Spouse Meeting-Buses will take spouses to wing auditorium for presentations from Key Spouse group, OneSource and TriCare

1300-??; Softball Tournament-bring it!

1400–1500; Motorcycle & Car Show – show, parade, judges and prizes!

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