

Major General D. Scott Durham Commander, Fourth Air Force



Maj. Gen. D. Scott Durham is the Commander, Fourth Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command, March Air Reserve Base, California. He commands the strategic airlift and air-refueling units located throughout the continental U.S., Hawaii and Guam. The Fourth Air Force is dedicated to ensuring assigned units and personnel are properly organized, trained, equipped and ready to support national security requirements across

the full spectrum of operations from contingency operations to war. The Fourth Air Force provides leadership, management and oversight to 18 flying wings and one regional support group, providing strategic airlift, airdrop, aeromedical, air refueling and associated expeditionary support activities. The Fourth Air Force responsibilities encompass 300 units and more than 32,000 personnel.

Maj. Gen. Durham began his military career in 1990 graduating from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. During his 13 years on active duty, he served as an Air Traffic Controller, a C-130E Hercules Pilot and a C-17A Globemaster III Pilot. During his entire career, he flew numerous combat missions supporting operations in Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. He was commissioned in the Air Force Reserve in May 2003.

Maj. Gen. Durham has served as an Air Reserve Technician at the unit, group, wing and command levels while continuing to operate the C-17A and C-5M aircraft. In addition to serving as the Wing Commander for Westover Air Reserve Base, Massachusetts and Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, he served at the Pentagon on the Chief of the Air Force Reserve and Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense Staff. Prior to his current assignment, Maj. Gen. Durham served as the Director of Air, Space, and Information Operations, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins AFB, Ga. In this capacity, his responsibilities included directing Air Force Reserve operations for 74 flying squadrons and 10 operational space units gained by eight major commands and the Space Force to fulfill commitments in support of U.S. national security objectives.

Colonel Eric J. Rivero Incoming Commander



Col. Eric J. Rivero is the Commander, 931st Operations Group, 931st Air Refueling Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas. The group is responsible for organizing, training and equipping 287 Air Force Reserve Command members operating 36 KC-46s for world-wide employment of airlift, aeromedical evacuation and air refueling missions supporting the joint warfighter and the high-end fight. Col. Rivero entered the Air Force in 2001 through the U.S. Air Force

Academy. He was initially assigned as a Squadron Training Officer in the 91st Air Refueling Squadron, MacDill AFB, Florida. In 2002, Col Rivero attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance AFB, Oklahoma, graduating in February of 2003. He was again assigned to the 91st ARS, MacDill AFB, Florida, where he held numerous positions as a KC-135R/T Instructor Pilot, Life Support Officer and Flight Scheduler. Col. Rivero was then assigned to the 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan. He operated as a KC-135R/T Evaluator Pilot, Wing Executive Officer, Chief of Tanker Operations Group Standardizations and Evaluations as well as a Squadron Standardization and Evaluation Pilot. Following this assignment, he was selected as an Air Mobility Command Phoenix Reach graduate and served as a KC-10 Formal Training Unit Instructor Pilot and Assistant Director of Operations. Prior to Squadron Command, he served as the 349th Air Refueling Squadron Director of Operations and Wing Chief of Safety at McConnell AFB, Kansas. Col. Rivero re-activated and commanded the 905th Air Refueling Squadron as a KC-46 squadron. He is a fully joint qualified officer and has served as the Chief of Aircraft Strike Support Division, Joint Nuclear Strike Planner, and Executive Officer to the Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Nebraska.

Col. Rivero has flown more than 180 combat and combat support sorties in operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring freedom, New Dawn, Inherent Resolve, and Freedom's Sentinel. He is a command pilot with more than 4,500 hours. He has served as a KC-135R/T Functional Check Flight and Receiver Instructor/Evaluator Pilot, KC-10A Formal Training Unit Instructor Pilot, and KC-46A Evaluator Pilot, holding positions at the squadron, group and wing levels.



PRESIDING OFFICIAL

MAJ GEN D. SCOTT DURHAM
COMMANDER, 4TH AIR FORCE



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

OPENING NARRATION

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

(Chaplain, Capt Edet)

REMARKS

(Maj Gen Durham)

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

REMARKS

(Col Rivero)

CLOSING NARRATION

Air Force Song

RECEIVING LINE



U.S. AIR FORCE SONG

(First Verse)

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em, now, Give 'em the gun!
(Give 'em the gun now!)
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!



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CEREMONY IN HONOR OF

COLONEL
ERIC J. RIVERO
INCOMING COMMANDER

4 MAY 2024

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ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND