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512th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base, Del.

Jackson takes command of Reserve

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- Leadership of the Air Force Reserve Command changed hands today in a ceremony at the Museum of Aviation here.

Lt. Gen. James F. Jackson assumed command of AFRC, succeeding Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., who has served as commander since June 2008. Stenner retired from the Air Force with 39 years of military service after the change of command.



Jackson

Jackson became the deputy to the chief of Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon in May 2010. When he assumed command of AFRC, he also became chief of the Air Force Reserve. In that post Jackson serves as the principal adviser

on Reserve matters to the Air Force chief of staff.

As AFRC commander, Jackson will supervise 71,400 reservists in the Selected Reserve assigned to command units and the Individual Mobilization Augmentee program.

Jackson is a 1978 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He completed more than 14 years on active duty, including flying tours in Europe and the Pacific, before joining the Air Force Reserve in 1992.

Jackson has held numerous wing leadership and command positions, as well as staff assignments at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Headquarters U.S. Pacific Command and Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

A career instructor pilot and evaluator, he flew combat support missions during operations Deny Flight and Allied Force. He served as mobilization assistant and as commander, Air Force Doctrine Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Later, he was the mobilization assistant to the commander, 8th Air Force, Barksdale Air Force Base, La., and commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike, Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb. The general is a command pilot with over 3,600 hours in the F-4 Phantom II, F-16 Fighting Falcon and KC-135R Stratotanker.

Stenner's previous assignment was as as-



In this photo from April 30, 2012, (l to r) Gen. Philip Breedlove, Air Force vice chief of staff; U.S. Rep. Austin Scott, (R-GA); Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, Jr., commander, Air Force Reserve Command; and Maj. Gen. James F. Jackson, deputy to the chief of Air Force Reserve, complete a two-hour visit to AFRC headquarters. Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Jackson succeeded Stenner as head of the Air Force Reserve during a change of command ceremony today. (U.S. Air Force photo by Philip Rhodes)

sistant deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and programs at Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

Stenner was also director of plans and programs and director of operations at Headquarters AFRC and spent nine years commanding AFRC wings and operations groups. Between May 2001 and July 2003, he was deputy director and director of strategy, policy and plans, and director of transformation for U.S. Southern Command in Miami.

Changes are forthcoming even higher in the Air Force chain of command as Gen. Norton Schwartz is set to retire after four years as the service's chief of staff.

President Obama nominated Gen. Mark Welsh III, commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe, to succeed Schwartz as the service's top uniformed officer. The general, an F-16 and A-10 pilot who graduated the Air Force Academy in 1976, appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee July 19 for a confirmation hearing.



Air Force widow Janice Bryant and son, Sean, visit memorial at joint base in New Jersey.

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