

## 1948 – 2011 Timeline

**14 April 1948** --The Air Force Reserve was formally established as the Air Force Reserve.

**1 December 1948** - The Continental Air Command was organized with a primary mission of training and administering the Air Reserve Forces.

**1950-1953** – More than 147,000 were mobilized to augment the active duty. Both the 452nd Bombardment Wing, Long Beach Municipal Airport, California, and the 437th Troop Carrier Wing, O'Hare International Airport, Illinois, saw extensive combat service in Korea.

**29 March 1952** – The 403rd Troop Carrier Wing, Portland Airport, Oregon, was the first Air Force Reserve unit to operate the C-119 during the Korean War.

**6 August 1953** – The Air Force Reserve received its first jet aircraft when the T-33 aircraft was assigned to the 349<sup>th</sup> Fighter Bomber Wing, Hamilton AFB, California.

**1 November 1953** - The Air Reserve Records Center, later renamed the Air Reserve Personnel Center, was established in Denver, Colorado, to centralize and standardize Reserve records custody.

**1 January 1953** - Three major categories within the Reserve components are established—the Ready Reserve, the Standby Reserve, and the Retired Reserve.

**January 1955** – The reserve navigator training program was inaugurated.

**22 June 1956** - The Air Force Reserve began to perform real world missions as part of its training in Operation Sixteen Ton in support of the US Coast Guard.

**18 August 1956** – The Air Force Reserve's first rescue squadron, the 301st Air Rescue Squadron at Miami International Airport, Florida, was activated and assigned the SA-16 (later HU -16) aircraft.

**December 1956** – The first F-86 entered the Air Force Reserve inventory and was delivered to the 2596th Air Reserve Flying Center, Hensley Field, Texas. They were later given to the Air National Guard in 1957.

**10 January 1958** - The first two Air Reserve Technicians, MSgt Samuel C. McCormack of the 446<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Wing, Ellington AFB, Texas, and TSgt James W. Clark of the 65<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron, Davis Field, Oklahoma, were sworn in to the Air Force Reserve.

**May 1960** – The Air Force revised its system of managing and training the Air Reserve Forces. The Continental Air Command retained command of all Air Force Reserve units,

but the gaining commands became responsible for the operational readiness of the units they would gain upon mobilization.

**January 1961** – The Air Force Reserve received its first C-124 aircraft assigned to the 77<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron at Donaldson AFB, South Carolina.

**15 April 1961** – Headquarters Continental Air Command moved from Mitchel AFB, New York, to Robins AFB, Georgia.

**1 October 1961** - In all, some 5,500 Air Force Reservists to include two troop carrier wings and five C-124 groups as well as support elements were mobilized for one year during the Berlin Crisis.

**18 October 1962** - Eight Air Force Reserve troop carrier wings and six aerial port squadrons, totaling more than 14,200 Air Force Reservists and 400 aircraft, were mobilized for one month during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

**1 July 1964** – Reserve pay responsibilities were transferred from the Air Reserve Records Center to the Air Force Finance Center at Denver, Colorado. Active Duty, Reserve and Air National Guard pay was now centralized in one location.

**21 December 1964** – Five Air Reserve troop carrier organizations flew 17 sorties over an eight-county area in Southeast Montana. Reservists dropped 65 tons of hay from C-119s in support of Operation Haylift to relieve starving livestock that were exposed to sub-zero temperatures and blizzards.

**January 1965** –The Air Force Reserve began strategic lift into the Vietnam Theater. The Air Force Reserve flew C-124 missions as part of their inactive duty and annual two-week training.

**30 April 1965** – Volunteer Air Force Reserve crews flew C-124s in response to Operation Power Pack in support of United States operations to protect and evacuate US and foreign nationals in the Dominican Republic.

**10 July 1966** – With hundreds of military personnel stranded across the nation due to a strike of the major airlines, Air Force Reserve forces provided transportation utilizing C-124s and C-119s coast-to-coast in Operation Combat Leave.

**16-27 December 1967** – Air Force Reserve flying units flew C-124s, C-119s, HU-16s, and HC-97s in support of Operation Haylift II. Hay was airdropped to feed isolated cattle affected by severe snowstorms on Indian reservations in Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico. Reserve aerospace rescue and recovery squadrons also flew orbit mission in support of the operation.

**1 January 1968** - The Office of Air Force Reserve was organized. Major General Tom E. Marchbanks Jr., was the first Chief of Air Force Reserve.

**26 January 1968** – Five C-124 military airlift groups and one HC-97 aerospace rescue and recovery squadron were mobilized in the wake of the Pueblo Incident.

**25 March 1968** –The 446<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Wing, Ellington AFB, Texas, began conversion from the C-119 Flying Boxcars to the C-130 Hercules. For the first time, the active and Air Force Reserve operated the same equipment.

**25 March 1968** - The Air Force Reserve inaugurated the Reserve associate airlift program with the C-141 Starlifter at the 944<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Group, Norton AFB, California.

**13 May 1968** – Air Force Reservists were ordered to extended active duty in Southeast Asia. The 755 Reservists provided C-119 (later AC-119 gunship) operational support, aerial port, aeromedical evacuation, and medical support.

**1 August 1968** - Headquarters Air Force Reserve, a field operating agency, replaced the discontinued Continental Air Command at Robins AFB, Georgia.

**10 August 1968** –The Air Force Reserve formed an aeromedical associate unit at Scott AFB, Illinois, with the acquisition of the new C-9 Nightingale aircraft assigned to the Air Force Reserve's 932<sup>nd</sup> Aeromedical Airlift Group.

**17 May – 12 June 1969-** Air Force Reserve aircrews flew C-119 and C-124 aircraft in Exercise Exotic Dancer, a joint sponsored exercise off the coast of Puerto Rico. The exercise involved airlift, troop airdrops, and close air support. The professional performance of the Air Force Reserve units was described by the commander of Tactical Air Command as “tremendous.”

**July 1970** – The Air Force Reserve's 930<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Group, Grissom AFB, Indiana, received its first A-37, the first unit-equipped jet aircraft since the F-86 left the reserve inventory in 1957.

**21 August 1970** –Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird announced the Total Force concept in August 1970 with Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger declaring it policy in 1973. With the implementation of the Total Force Policy, the Air Force Reserve became a multi-mission force, flying the same modern aircraft as the active Air Force.

**20 May 1972** – The Air Force Reserve acquired its first F-105 which was assigned to the 507<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Group at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.

**February - March 1973** - Air Force Reserve C-141 and C-9 associate aircrews, medical, aeromedical, casualty assistance, legal, chaplain, and intelligence personnel supported Operation Homecoming—the return of the American POWs from North Vietnam.

**21 February 1973** – Chief Master Sergeant Robert I. Boyle became the first Senior Airman Advisor to the Commander, Air Force Reserve.

**1 April 1973** – The Air Force Reserve acquired aerial spray responsibilities, utilizing the UC-123K assigned to the 906<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Group at Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio.

**1 April 1973** – The Air Force Reserve inaugurated a C-5 associate unit at the 301st Military Airlift Squadron, Travis AFB, California.

**October - November 1973** - Air Force Reserve C-141 and C-5 associate aircrews flew hundreds of strategic airlift missions into the Middle East during the Arab-Israeli War. The operation, named Nickel Grass, proved the Air Force concept of global mobility based on jet-powered transport aircraft.

**1 September 1976** – The first KC-135 in the Air Force Reserve was assigned to the 452<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Wing, March AFB, California.

**January 1976** – The Air Force Reserve transitioned to WC-130Hs and assigned them to the redesignated the 920<sup>th</sup> Weather Reconnaissance Group, Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

**1 October 1977** - Air Force Reservists began flying KC-135 Stratotanker missions as part of the Strategic Air Command's refueling force and participated in the tanker alert force.

**1 October 1978** - The Air Force Reserve began its conversion to the first F-4 unit at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, Homestead AFB, Florida.

**19 November – 22 December 1978** – Two HC-130N's and 38 reservists—aircrew members, medics, and aerial porters from Selfridge ANGB, Michigan; Charleston AFB, South Carolina; Dover AFB, Delaware; and Westover AFB, Massachusetts participated in the evacuation of survivors and victims from Georgetown, Guyana, after the outbreak of violence among the People's Temple Agricultural Mission at Jonestown.

**18 – 28 May 1980** – The 304<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Portland International Airport, Oregon flew 111 sorties around Mt. St. Helen's saving 61 lives. Other Air Force Reserve units contributed aircraft, maintenance, and communications assistance.

**26 June 1980** - The Air Force Reserve fighter force was significantly modernized with the conversion to A-10s which were delivered to the 917<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Group, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana.

**1 November 1981** - The Air Force Reserve's air refueling mission expanded when the 78<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron (Heavy) (Associate) was activated as a KC-10 associate unit at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana.

**2 October 1982** – The 94<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Wing with its collocated 700<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Squadron, Dobbins, AFB, GA, began conversion from C-7As to C-130Hs. The first Air

Force Reserve C-130H named "City of Marietta" was delivered from the Lockheed-Georgia factory in Marietta, Georgia.

**23 October 1983** - Air Force Reserve airlift associate units assisted in the evacuation of more than 700 American and foreign citizens from Grenada during the civil turbulence on that island. Maintenance, aerial port, and medical reservists also supported the active forces.

**24 October 1983** - Air Force Reserve airlift associate aircrews evacuated wounded US Marines from Lebanon.

**28 January 1984** - The Air Force Reserve began operating the F-16 at the 419<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah.

**1 December 1984** - The Air Force Reserve introduced its first unit-equipped C-5 at a ceremony at the 433rd Military Airlift Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas.

**1 July 1986** - The 756<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Squadron at Andrews AFB, Maryland, was the first Air Force Reserve unit to be equipped with its own C-141s.

**April 1986** - Crews from the 452nd Air Refueling Wing, March AFB, California, and the 78th Air Refueling Squadron, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, flew KC-135 and KC-10 tankers refueling F-111 and EF-111 aircraft that were flying from the United States during the bombing raid on Libya in Operation El Dorado Canyon.

**December 1989** - Air Force Reserve units participated in Operation Just Cause, airlifting passengers and cargo to Panama. Aeromedical, special operations, and air refueling units also participated in the effort to ensure protection of Americans and US resources.

**August 1990—April 1991**—Nearly 23,500 Air Force Reservists were mobilized with another 15,000 serving in a volunteer capacity in support of Operation Desert Storm.

**5 February 1991**—Headquarters Air Force Reserve changed from a separate operating agency to a field operating agency.

**1 April 1991**—The entire weather reconnaissance mission was transferred to the 815<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron, based at Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

**April 1991—31 December 1996**—Air Force Reserve units contributed significantly to Operation Provide Comfort and Provide Comfort II, the effort to deliver relief supplies to Kurdish refugees in southern Turkey and northern Iraq.

**June 1991**—Air Force Reserve airlift crews participated in Operation Fiery Vigil to help evacuate those fleeing from the eruption of Mount Pinatubo near Clark Air Base in the Philippines.

**16 October 1991** – The 581<sup>st</sup> Air Force Band, Robins AFB, Georgia, was redesignated “Command Band of the Air Force Reserve.”

**8 February 1992 – September 1994** – Air Force Reservists delivered tons of food and life-sustaining supplies to the 11-member nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States in support of Operation Provide Hope.

**1 April 1992** – The 317<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron (Associate) was activated at Charleston AFB, South Carolina; the Air Force Reserve’s first C-17 associate squadron.

**6 – 12 May 1992** – The Command Band of the Air Force Reserve performed on Russian television and marched in the Peace Victory Parade in Red Square during the first visit of a United States military band to the Russian capital.

**1 June 1992** – Gaining MAJCOMs for the Air Force Reserve changed when the Air Force inactivated Military Airlift Command, Tactical Air Command and Strategic Air Command and activated Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command. The Air Force Logistics Command and the Air Force Systems Command were inactivated and the Air Force Material Command was activated in its place.

**July 1992 – January 1996** – Air Force Reserve C-130 aircraft and aircrews joined active-duty and Air National Guard aircraft and crews at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, to airlift desperately needed supplies and food into war-torn Sarajevo and Zagreb during Operation Provide Promise.

**21 August 1992 – 28 February 1993** - Air Force Reserve airlift units participated in Operation Provide Relief/Provide Hope, a massive airlift of food and medical supplies to millions of starving Somalians.

**23 August 1992** - Hurricane Andrew severely damaged Homestead AFB, Florida. Three days later, Air Force Reserve aircraft and crews began airlifting desperately needed equipment and supplies into southern Florida.

**27 August 1992** – Air Force Reserve units began supporting Operation Southern Watch, a no-fly zone over Iraqi territory.

**1 January 1993** - The Air Force Reserve entered the space program with the activation of the 7th Space Operations Squadron at Falcon AFB, Colorado.

**April 1993 – December 1995** - Air Force Reserve A-10 and F-16 pilots and aircraft participated with Air National Guard and coalition forces in Operation Deny Flight. This was in support of the enforcement of a military no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina in accordance with a UN Security Council resolution.

**1 October 1993** - The Air Force Reserve activated its first B-52 equipped unit, the 93<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Squadron of the 917th Wing, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana.

**9-10 April 1994** - Associate aircrews from the 315th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, South Carolina, and the 446th Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Washington, evacuated 217 American and foreign citizens from Bujumbura, Burundi, after fighting broke out in neighboring Rwanda.

**July-September 1994** – Air Force Reserve airlift and air refueling aircrews participated in Operation Support Hope, the humanitarian relief mission to aid Rwandan refugees.

**September 1994 - March 1995** - Air Force Reserve airlift and air refueling aircraft flew missions in support of Operation Uphold Democracy, the peacekeeping mission in Haiti. During the airlift phase of the operation named Phoenix Shark virtually all Air Force Reserve strategic and tactical airlift units were involved to include C-130 and C-141 airlift and AC-130A gunships.

**December 1995 - December 1996** - Air Force Reserve airlift, aerial refueling, and aeromedical units plus individual mobilization augmentees began supporting Operation Joint Endeavor, the NATO-sponsored peacekeeping mission to Bosnia Herzegovina, formerly known as Yugoslavia.

**15 March 1996** - The Air Force Reserve's first associate E-3 airborne warning aircraft was assigned to the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.

**January 1997** -- Air Force Reserve fighter air crews deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in support of Operation Northern Watch, the successor to Operation Provide Comfort, the humanitarian assistance to the Kurds and enforcement of the northern no-fly zone.

**17 February 1997** - The Air Force Reserve was redesignated the Air Force Reserve Command and became the Air Force's ninth major command. This was a result of the Air Force relying more on its reserve components during the 1990's. The FY 1997 National Defense Authorization Act was passed and directed each of the military services to establish "reserve commands." Title XII, Reserve Forces Revitalization, Section 10174 instructed the Secretary of the Air Force to establish an "Air Force Reserve Command."

**17 February 1999** – The first C-130J was assigned to the Air Force Reserve's 815<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron at Keesler AFB, Mississippi. An acceptance ceremony was held on 31 March 1999.

**March - June 1999** – Air Force Reservists supported Operation Allied Force, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization air campaign to halt ethnic fighting in Kosovo.

**5 February 2000** – The Air Force Reserve's 711<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Squadron, Duke Field, Florida, became the first active associate unit in the Air Force. The Air Force Reserve unit owned the MC-130 aircraft and the active duty unit, the 8<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Squadron, supplied the aircrews.

**July - September 2000** – Air Force Reserve firefighting aircraft and aircrews squelched wildfires in California, Idaho, and Montana, utilizing C-130s equipped with modular airborne fire fighting systems.

**11 September 2001** – Air Force Reservists from a variety of career fields responded to the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington D.C. Operation Noble Eagle was launched to protect the United States from further attack. Reserve F-16s, KC-135s, and AWACS supported air combat air patrols and provided early warning for the homeland defense mission. The first officer of United Flight 93, which was hijacked and crashed in a field in Pennsylvania, was Air Force Reserve Major LeRoy Homer Jr.

**7 October 2001** – The Air Force Reserve rolled into the fight to support Operation Enduring Freedom. Reservists flew missions over Afghanistan, providing airlift, air refueling, B-2 bombers, fighters, special operations, civil engineering, security forces support, medical assistance and other services.

**19 October 2001** – Air Force Reserve MC – 130E Combat Talon aircraft flown by aircrews from the 919<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, Duke Field, Florida became the first fixed wing aircraft to penetrate Afghan airspace during Operation Enduring Freedom.

**20 December 2001** - More than 11,000 Air Force Reservists and individual mobilization augmentees (IMAs) were recalled to active duty as part of America's anti-terrorism campaign in support of Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom.

**February 2003** - Air Force Reserve Command provided search, security, and air refueling support during Department of Defense operations related to the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia. Reserve port mortuary teams also assisted at the Port Mortuary, Dover AFB, Delaware.

**March 2003** - Operation Iraqi Freedom. When war with Saddam Hussein's Iraq began in March 2003, Air Force Reserve combat-ready A-10, B-52, and F-16 aircrews flew numerous strike operations during the first hours of engagement along with special operations and rescue efforts. Air Force Reserve special operations folks served behind enemy lines during the initial phase. Medical and rescue personnel were among the first into Tallil Air Base on 29 March. Air Force Reserve A-10s provided close air support around Tallil and Kirkuk Air Bases, and tankers were part of the lead tanker force, offloading more than 21 million pounds of fuel to more than 1,000 aircraft. Fifteen C-17 Reserve associate crews supported the C-17 airdrop, opening up the Northern Front in Iraq on 26 March. Additionally, Reservists supported Air Force unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) missions and space-based operations in Southwest Asia, providing essential data to battlefield commanders. During the combat phase (19 March-1 May) Air Force Reserve aircraft and crews flew nearly 162,000 hours and deployed 70 unit-equipped aircraft in theater while aeromedical personnel provided 45 percent of the Air Force's aeromedical crews that performed 3,108 patient movements.



**24 June 2004** – The Senate confirmed Lieutenant John A. Bradley as Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command. He succeeded Major General John A. Batbie, Jr.

**October 2004** – Air Force Reservists provided lodging, food service, communications, transportation, maintenance, public affairs, a medical clinic, and an operations center supporting relief actions in Sudan's Darfur region.

**December 2004** – An Air Force Reservist was selected to command the 11<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron, Creech AFB, Nevada, one of three active duty MQ -1 Predator squadrons in the Air Force. Future Predator units throughout the country were scheduled to utilize more Air Force Reservists to operate the unmanned aerial vehicles as part of Air Force Future Total Force initiatives.

**December 2004** – An Air Force Reserve aircrew flew the new C-130J to support Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Southwest Asia. This marked the Air Force's first combat deployment of the C-130J.

**December 2004 – January 2005** – Air Force Reserve, active duty and guard personnel flew Operation Unified Assistance missions in the wake of the tsunami that struck South East Asia.

**13 May 2005** - The Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) announced recommendations to close three Air Force Reserve Command installations and move people from a dozen locations to two dozen sites throughout the United States. The commission held hearings to examine the recommendations, a process that would run through September 2005.

**30 May 2005** – Captains Jeremy J. Fresques and Derek M. Argel, serving in Air Force Reserve commission status, died in a crash while on a training mission for the Iraq Air Force in Northern Iraq.

**9 August 2005** –The Air Force Reserve received its first unit-equipped C-17, *The Spirit of California*, assigned to the 452<sup>nd</sup> Air Mobility Wing at March ARB, California.

**August – November 2005** - More than 1,465 Air Force Reservists were deployed to provide assistance in support of Hurricanes Katrina, Ophelia, Rita and Wilma.

**25 September 2005** – An Air Force Reserve aircrew flew the last C-141 Starlifter combat mission for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**13 October 2005** – Air Force Reservists helped deliver aid to Pakistan after an earthquake rocked the region.

**9 November 05** - The Base Realignment and Closure Commission's (BRAC) recommendations for reshaping the Defense Department's infrastructure and force

structure took effect. The 2005 BRAC recommendations were the most aggressive BRAC ever proposed, affecting more than 800 installations, and reshaping 60 percent of Air Reserve Component (ARC) force structure.

**13 November 2005** – Air Force Reserve F-16 crews participated in Operation Steel Curtain, a joint operation to restore control over Iraqi towns bordering Syria.

**4 January 2006** - The Air Force Reserve Command released a web-based guide to help those affected by the FY05 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decisions. Titled “A BRAC Guide for Civilian and Military Personnel Issues,” the guide explained the many programs available to displaced military and civilian personnel.

**June 2006** – Air Force Reserve A-10 crews from the 303<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Missouri, participated in Operation Mountain Thrust, the largest anti-insurgent operation in Afghanistan since October 2001.

**July 2006** – After fighting broke out in Lebanon, Air Force Reserve airlift crews helped evacuate Americans transitioning out of Cyprus to Ramstein Air Base, and then on to stateside bases.

**20 December 2006** – A C-17 flown by McChord crews from the 62<sup>nd</sup> and 446<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wings, McChord AFB, Washington, made its debut airdrop to the South Pole, Antarctica, in support of Operation Deep Freeze.

**29 January 2007** - The Air Force Reserve’s 6<sup>th</sup> Space Operations Squadron assumed satellite control authority of the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program when the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration officials moved to Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado.

**26 February 2007** – The Air Force Reserve’s 932<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing at Scott AFB, Illinois, received its first C-40 aircraft under the active associate unit structure. The Wing converted from C-9s to C-40s to augment its mission of transporting distinguished visitors.

**3 March 2007** - The 919<sup>th</sup> Operations Group (OG), 919<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing (SOW), Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, distinguished itself through exceptional courage against an armed enemy of the United States from 19 October 2001 to 1 July 2003. The unit was awarded the Gallant Unit Citation for heroic actions during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander and chief of Air Force Reserve, presented the award to the 919th Operations Group. He praised members of the unit for their courage, skills and professionalism.

**8 August 2007** – Air Force Reserve C-17 crews from the 317<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, South Carolina, transported vehicles, and personnel to aid in the rescue of six miners trapped in a mine in Huntington, Utah.

**1 September 2007** – Air Force Reserve crews from the 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing, Patrick AFB, Florida, assisted the Coast Guard in saving 31 migrants stranded in the water between the islands of the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

**1 October 2007** – The first Air Force Reserve associate F-22 unit stood up at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. The newly designated 477<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group associated with the active 3rd Wing to form two F-22 units.

**2008** - Throughout 2008, the Air Force Reserve Command celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with activities ranging from historical displays, publications, and formal events. Two events in which the Command honored the anniversary were the Senior Leaders Conference held in February and the Reserve Officer Conference in March. April was reserved so that all commanders could organize their own celebrations. Additionally, AFRC's website maintained a special block for stories, photos, and videos. To go along with the celebrations, Lieutenant General John A. Bradley, Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command approved the creation of two AFRC anniversary logos. Each AFRC unit independently and collectively observed the landmark year in AFRC's history.

**14 April 2008** – The Air Force Reserve commemorated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary since being formally established in 1948.

**June 2008** – Air Force Reserve Command's first fighter aircraft "classic" association at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, attained Initial Operational Capability.

**24 June 2008** - Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner Jr. became Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command in a ceremony held at the Air Force Memorial, Washington D.C. He succeeded Lieutenant General John A. Bradley.

**September 2008** – Air Force Reserve units participated in Hurricane Ike relief efforts in the Corpus Christie area. Reserve units assisted in the movement of 8,017 evacuees, 573 patients, and 506 tons of equipment.

**4 October 2008** - A building dedication held by the 445<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, honored the life of Major LeRoy W. Homer, Jr. who died 11 September 2001. Major Homer was the first officer on Flight 93 when it crashed just outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Ms. Melodie Homer, Lieutenant Colonel Chris Clark, 445<sup>th</sup> Operation Group Deputy Commander, local elected officials, and base and community leaders attended the ceremony.

**16 Dec 2008** - Since deploying to Afghanistan in February 2008, Reservists assigned to the 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, saved approximately 300 US troops. Airmen from the 920 RQW and its sister units from Oregon and Arizona flew 1,181 sorties and rescued 313 lives to date. Equally, the unit recorded nearly 342 assists. Saves were scenarios where, without immediate evacuation, a patient could die, lose a

limb, or go blind. An assist referred to evacuations where life, limb, or eyesight was not in immediate danger.

**9 March 2009** - 917<sup>th</sup> Wing's 93rd Bomb Squadron at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, was approved as a formal B-52 training unit as part of the Total Force Integration Initiative.

**1 May 2009** - Chief Master Sergeant Dwight D. Badgett became the sixth Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Reserve Command.

**1 July 2009** – The gaining command for HQ Fourth Air Force, and HQ Twenty-Second Air Force changes from Air Mobility Command to Air Force Reserve Command. The gaining command for HQ Tenth Air Force Command changes from Air Combat Command to Air Force Reserve Command.

**August 2009** - Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command wrote in a Citizen Airman article: “It has been more than a year since I became chief of Air Force Reserve and assumed command of Air Force Reserve Command. As I did so, I made a number of commitments and asked that you do the same so the Air Force Reserve could help make the U.S. Air Force a more sustainable, capable and effective fighting force...The initial commitments I made last year are now part of a much larger initiative that I call “AFR 2012: Full Operational Capability.” My goal is to restructure the Air Force Reserve to provide a more sustainable, capable and effective fighting force optimized for today’s security and fiscal environments.”

**11 October 2009** - Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, brought the Air Force Reserve Command closer to full operational command status by moving his permanent residence from Bolling AFB, Washington D.C., to Robins AFB.

**15 December 2009** - TSgt Anthony Campbell, Jr., gave his life while assigned to the 932<sup>nd</sup> CES/CED as an EOD technician in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to collect and centralize information in the battle against IEDs in southern Afghanistan. The Air Force posthumously awarded the Air Force Reservist the Bronze Star with Valor, the Purple Heart, and the Air Force Combat Action Medal.

**31 December 2009** - By the end of 2009, the Air Force Reserve Command was continuing with the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. Two previously proposed BRAC actions had been eliminated, 22 actions were completed, and the remaining three actions were on track for completion by the 2011 deadline.

**6 January 2010** - Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, and Mrs. Stenner hosted the first official function at the Robins Air Force Base Command Residence.

**13 January-14 February 2010** – Air Force Reserve begins support of Operation Unified Response. Reservists from Homestead Air Reserve Station began providing assistance to Haitian earthquake survivors by opening up their runway to humanitarian aid from components of the Air Force, Navy, Army, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. From Homestead ARS, the primary operating location for C-130s evacuating American citizens from Haiti, service members supported Operation Unified Response by flying relief missions to the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince.

**26 January 2010** - Reservists from the 815<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, 403<sup>rd</sup> Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, set a new benchmark for airlift operations while attached to the 746<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Airlift Squadron in Southwest Asia. The unit flew 1,300 sorties, delivered approximately 13.2 million pounds of cargo, evacuated more than 500 medical patients, transported around 25,000 passengers, and conducted more than 2,700 flight hours while maintaining a 99.7 percent mission success rate.

**9 February 2010** - Reservists from the 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, currently assigned to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Expeditionary Rescue Squadron and deployed to Afghanistan, assisted in the rescue of Afghan nationals affected by a recent avalanche in the Salang Pass.

**5 April 2010** - The Air Force Reserve Command activated more than 1,600 Reservists to support the Afghanistan surge operations. Aircrew members, aircraft maintainers, aerial porters and base operating support forces are among the reservists supporting the movement of an additional 30,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan. President Barack Obama announced in December that he would be sending more troops to Afghanistan.

**26 April 2010** – The Air Force Reserve Command Force Generation Center, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia began initial operations as Detachment 1, HQ AFRC.

**1 May 2010** – Air Force Reserve deployed to the Gulf of Mexico in support of Deepwater Horizon oil spill mitigation.

**1 June 2010** – The 414th Fighter Group reactivated at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina and assigned to the Tenth Air Force.

**6 June 2010** - Approximately 60 Reservists and several aircraft from the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing returned home from Stennis International Airport, Mississippi, after supporting efforts to clean the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on the Gulf Coast. While deployed, the unit flew 92 sorties and sprayed 30,000 acres with roughly 149,000 gallons of dispersant.

**9 August 2010** – Air Force Reserve Command officials proposed comprehensive changes to how reservists are managed and called to active duty based on lessons learned from nearly nine years of combat and surge operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Collectively called "AFR 2012," this series of projects establishes a single organization to access Air Force Reserve capability, streamlines the numbered air force management

structure and strengthens Headquarters AFRC expertise in a wide range of new and emerging Air Force missions.

**20 August 2010** - The Air Force Inspection Agency completed a week-long unit compliance inspection on the HQ Air Force Reserve Command. The inspection included areas such as commander's emphasis, contracting, communication, information and knowledge operations, safety, emergency management, personnel, and legal. The overall evaluation of the Command was outstanding.

**8 September 2010** – HQ Air Force Reserve Command BRAC completed with actions on Buckley Air Force Base and Homestead Air Reserve Base.

**25 October 2010** - Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command held an AFRC Headquarters Buildings rededication ceremony. Buildings 210, 220, and the Professional Development Center originally honored Major General Homer I. Lewis, CMSgt Robert I. Boyle, and Mr. Lee C. Lingelbach, respectively. The original plaques were removed when the buildings were renovated in 2007.

**8 January 2011** – The Air Force Reserve Command reactivated the 307th Bomb Wing, de-activated the 917<sup>th</sup> Wing, and re-designated the 917<sup>th</sup> Operations Group as the 917<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group. Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. Brigadier General John J. Mooney III accepted the wing's colors from Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner Jr. The Air Force Reserve Command tasked the 307<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing to the support B-52 Stratofortress bombing missions and to provide aircrew training for B-52 aircrews. The 307<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing fell under the Air Force Reserve Command's 10th Air Force.

**12-13 January 2011** - Air Force Reserve Airmen from the 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, 403rd Wing, Keesler AFB, Mississippi, and 910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, met at Peterson AFB for the first-ever AFRC C-130 Special Mission Conference.

**14 January 2011** - The Secretary of the Air Force awarded the Air Force Reserve Command the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award for the period 1 October 2008-31 December 2009. The Air Force Organizational Excellence Award was for “internal organizations that are entities within larger organizations. They are unique, unnumbered organizations or activities that perform functions normally performed by numbered wings, groups, squadron, etc.”

**12 March to 4 May 2011** – Air Force Reservists flew a total of 34 sorties (C-5 and C-17 flew 32 sorties; KC-10 flew three sorties) in support of Operation TOMODACHI following the Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunamis that struck Japan on 11 March 2011. Over 750 Air Force Reserve, Air Force, Air National Guard Airmen, and Air Force civilians had deployed to assist the 13,000 Air Force personnel in stationed in Japan with recovery operations by 1 April 2011. A total of 20 US Navy ships, 140 US aircraft and almost 20,000 American service members participated in Operation

Tomodachi.<sup>1</sup>

**18 March 2011** – The Air Force Reservist Command Force Generation Center received the first request for forces call from Air Mobility Command's Eighteenth Air Force. The Force Generation Center accessed AFRC's capability to provide aerial refueling assets for US operations in Libya.

**19 March to 31 October 2011** – The Air Force Reserve began supporting US forces during Operation ODYSSEY DAWN. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization assumed control of all operations supporting Libya on 23 March 2011, which marked the beginning of Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR. Air Force Reserve aerial refueling aircraft operating out of the 313th Air Expeditionary Wing, Moron Air Base, Spain, flew 535 sorties during Operations ODYSSEY DAWN and UNIFIED Protector. Air Force Reserve airlift aircrews flew 106 sorties during both operations. The United Nations voted to end NATO's mandate in Libya on 27 October 2011 following Muammar Gaddafi's death on 20 October 2011. All NATO and US operations supporting Libya ended 31 October 2011.

**20 March 2011** - Two Air Force Reserve airlift planners departed for Yokota AB, Japan, to help with relief efforts for the victims of the March 11 massive 8.9-magnitude earthquake and ensuing tsunami as part of Operation Tomodachi. Former C-130 navigator Major Robert Devlin and former C-141 pilot Major John Koenig joined other airlift planners with the 613th Air and Space Operations Center, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, to plan and execute relief airlift missions along the northeastern coast of Japan.<sup>2</sup>

**23 March to 27 March 2011** – Air Force Reservists assigned to the 512th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Delaware, and their active-duty partners from the 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Delaware, delivered 160,000 pounds of cargo to staging areas at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, in support of Operations ODYSSEY DAWN and UNIFIED PROTECTOR. Aerial port and maintenance crews assigned to the 512 AW and 436 AW facilitated the effort by readying each C-5M Super Galaxy for launch within four to five hours after its return to Dover.

**24 March 2011 to 1 April 2011**- Air Force Reservists joined a multi-service team of military and nongovernmental agency workers welcoming four flights carrying Department of Defense families from Japan at Denver International Airport. The team supported Operation Pacific Passage, the DoD effort to evacuate US dependents from Japan to the US due to potential radiation leaks from damaged nuclear power plants. Air

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<sup>1</sup> (U) Report, Mr. Mark Whitlow, HQ AFRC/A3TF, "FY11 Contingency Execution," 30 Sep 11; (U) Fact Sheet, Secretary of the Air Force/PA, "Operation Tomodachi," 1 Apr 11; (U) Article, Jim Garamone, "Biden: US honored to have helped Japan after Tsunami," *Air Force Print News Today*, 23 Aug 11.

<sup>2</sup> (U) Article, MSgt Donna T. Jeffries, 514 AMW/PA, "McGuire Reservists bound for Japan to assist with earthquake relief planning," *Air Force Print News Today*, 22 Mar 11.

Force Reserve, Air Force, and Air National Guard aircrews airlifted 5,269 passengers and 409 pets via military aircraft and 1,936 additional passengers using commercial flights. A total of 7,025 total passengers left Japan as part of Operation Pacific Passage authorized voluntary departure<sup>3</sup>

**16 May 2011** – Air Force Reservists from the 920th Rescue Wing stood by the Space Shuttle Endeavor during lift off on its last mission to the International Space Station. The Airmen are charged as the primary rescue force to respond in case of emergency prior to and during lift off of all manned space missions.

**June 2011** – Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner Jr., Air Force Reserve Command commander and chief of Air Force Reserve addressed AFR 2012 in a June 2011 Citizen Airman article: Two years ago, the Air Force Reserve Command embarked on a journey that will ultimately lead to achieving full operational capability. This journey involves a series of projects, collectively called AFR 2012, that are designed to make it easier for Reservists to volunteer, mobilize and deploy, while at the same time fulfilling all of our combat and support requirements. These initiatives will also improve our ability to manage people and resources, track unit availability and operations tempo, and provide better predictability for individual Reservists, families and civilian employers.

**6 June 2011** - Retired Brigadier General Allison A. Hickey was sworn in as Department of Veterans Affairs' undersecretary for benefits during Washington, D.C. ceremony. General Hickey served 27 years in the Air Force, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve. General Hickey graduated from the United States Air Force Academy as part of the first class to include women.

**28 June 2011** - Two Air Force Reserve Modular Airborne Firefighting System equipped C-130 Hercules with 26 MAFFS-certified Air Force Reserve aircrew and support personnel left the 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson AFB, Colorado, to support the aerial firefighting efforts for the ongoing wild fires in the Southwestern US. The 302 AW aircrews dispersed 500,816 gallons of fire retardant and foam suppressant between 16 April and 29 September 2011. The 302 AW aircrews conducted aerial fire-fighting sorties in Texas, New Mexico, and Mexico. The 302 AW aircrews and maintainers operated from Austin-Bergstrom IAP, Dyess AFB, and Laughlin AFB, while fighting fires in Texas and Mexico. Fire-fighting missions over New Mexico departed from Kirtland AFB, New Mexico.

**5 July 2011** – Air Force Reservists from the 300th Airlift Squadron, 315th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, South Carolina, delivered 20 humanitarian aid pallets and a 24,000 pound dump truck to Haiti via a C-17 Globemaster III. The relief pallets contained over 50,000 pounds of rice destined for villages and orphanages on the island. The Denton

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<sup>3</sup> (U) Article, SSgt Desiree Economides, 310 SW/PA, “Multi-service team welcomes DoD families evacuating from Japan,” *Air Force Print News Today*, 1 Apr 11.



Program, which facilitates the transportation of disaster relief supplies throughout the world, began funding missions to Haiti in January 2010.<sup>4</sup>

**19 July 2011** – The Air Force Reserve Personnel Center hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Headquarters Air Force Reserve Personnel building at Buckley AFB, Colorado. General Stenner served as officiating officer at the ceremony inaugurating the opening of the 80,000 square-foot, \$17 million facility. The Air Force Reserve Command designed the ARPC building to provide administrative support to 980,000 Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel throughout their military careers. The facility was designed to maximize energy efficiency and was built utilizing sustainable building materials.<sup>5</sup>

**21 July 2011** - The Band of the Air Force Reserve performed at the final landing of space shuttle *Atlantis* on 21 July 2011 at Kennedy Space Center, Florida. The crowd at the event included 3,300 National Aeronautics and Space Administration employees who celebrated the end of the United States' space shuttle program.<sup>6</sup>

**21 July 2011** - Three members of the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, received the Air Force Association's Aircrew Excellence Award for 2010 from the Fourth Air Force Bob Hope Chapter at March ARB, California. The Fourth Air Force chapter recognized Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Remualdo, Major Benjamin R. Evans and Staff Sergeant Ronald W. Davis for outstanding airmanship during a 17 February 2011 mission supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom combat operations.<sup>7</sup>

**29 July 2011** - Air Force Reserve units received multiple awards during the 2011 Air Mobility Rodeo held at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. The 439th Airlift Wing, Westover ARB, Massachusetts, received the Knucklebuster Award, which recognizes the maintenance team with the highest standards of professionalism, dedication and mutual respect for competitors. The 446th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, received the Best Aeromedical Evacuation Team award, Best Aeromedical Evacuation Contingency Team award, and Best Combat Weapons Team award. The

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<sup>4</sup> (U) Article, SSgt Rashard Coaxum, 315 AW/PA, "Reservists deliver aid to Haiti over holiday weekend," *Air Force Print News Today*, 5 Jul 11.

<sup>5</sup> (U) Article, Candice Allen, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs, "Reserve personnel center moving, going green," *Air Force Print News Today*, 27 Jul 11.

<sup>6</sup> (U) Article, Candice Allen, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs, "Band plays, audience rocks at space shuttle finale," *Air Force Print News Today*, 27 Jul 11.

<sup>7</sup> (U) Article, 507 AW/Public Affairs, "Reserve tanker crew recognized for outstanding airmanship," *Air Force Print News*, 29 Jul 11.

302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson AFB, Colorado, received the best C-130 short field landing team award, Best Aeromedical Evacuation C-17 Configuration Team, and Best Aeromedical Evacuation KC-135 Configuration Team award.<sup>8</sup>

**4 August 2011** - The Air Force announced that Hurlburt Field, Florida, had been selected as the preferred alternative for the Air Force Reserve Command's MQ-1 remote split-operations squadron. The decision meant that Hurlburt Field would receive a single MQ-1 RSO squadron consisting of 140 personnel and equipment but no remotely piloted aircraft.<sup>9</sup>

**6 August 2011** - Fifty Airmen, many from the 916th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina, arrived in Matagalpa, Nicaragua, to participate in the 2011 MEDRETE exercise. During the exercise, Airmen brought humanitarian medical aid to local citizens and provided hands-on medical training for the Airmen. An estimated 10,000 patients from the areas surrounding Matagalpa were treated during the exercise.<sup>10</sup>

**7 August 2011** - The 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick AFB, Florida, supported the launch of a United Launch Alliance Atlas V launch into space on 6 August 2011. The ULA carried the Juno spacecraft for NASA launched at 12:25 p.m. EDT from Space Launch Complex 41, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida. NASA tasked Juno with investigating the formation, evolution and structure of the planet Jupiter.<sup>11</sup>

**18 August 2011** - The 446th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, received the Lieutenant General James E. Sherrard III Award which the Airlift/Tanker Association uses to recognize those who have demonstrated superior leadership, made outstanding contributions to the airlift/tanker mission, and provided invaluable service to their civilian communities. The Sherrard award specifically recognizes an Air Force Reserve Command wing having the most significant impact on the success of the Mobility Air Force.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> (U) Article, "Reserve units shine at Air Mobility Rodeo," *Air Force Print News Today*, 4 Aug 11.

<sup>9</sup> (U) Article, "Hurlburt Field preferred for MQ-1 remote split-operation unit," *Air Force Print News Today*, 4 Aug 11.

<sup>10</sup> (U) Article, SrA Meredith Thomas, 916 AW/PA, "Airmen provide medical care in Nicaragua," *Air Force Print News Today*, 15 Aug 11.

<sup>11</sup> (U) Article, A1C Natasha Dowridge, 920 RQW/PA, "Rescue reservists support successful rocket launch," *Air Force Print News Today*, 7 Aug 11.

<sup>12</sup> (U) Article, Sandra Pishner, 446 AW/PA, "McChord wing earns Sherrard award," *Air Force Print News Today*, 19 Aug 11.

**19 August 2011** - The Air Force Reserve Command honored the AFRC Airmen selected as the Outstanding Airmen of 2010 during an awards banquet held 16 August 2011 in Kissimmee, Florida. AFRC Command Chief Master Sgt. Dwight Badgett presented the Outstanding Airman award to Staff Sgt. Michael D. Campbell, the Outstanding NCO award to Tech Sgt. Ricardo A. Chavez, the Outstanding First Sergeant award to Master Sgt. Tina Robinson, and the Outstanding SNCO award to Senior Master Sgt. Steven C. George.<sup>13</sup>

**25 August 2011** - Air Force Reservists from the 624th Civil Engineering Squadron, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, joined US Navy and Vietnamese personnel to renovate three medical clinics in Ha Tinh Province, Vietnam, as part of Pacific Unity. The US Pacific Command funded Pacific Unity as a humanitarian assistance mission, coordinated through the People's Committee of Ha Tinh Province. Pacific Unity is a bilateral (U.S. and Vietnam) and joint (U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy) Engineering Civic Action Program conducted in combination with People's Committee of Ha Tinh Province civil authorities and the provincial military command.<sup>14</sup>

**26 August 2011** - A 15-person Air Force Reserve crew from the 729th Airlift Squadron, 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March ARB, California, retrieved Delta II rocket debris in Mongolia. The rocket had been launched in early 2011 and retrieval mandatory under the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 and the Rescue and Return Treaty of 1968. The Reservists loaded the rocket debris onto their C-17 aircraft upon arriving at Chinggis Khan International Airport, Mongolia. The debris included a second-stage fuel tank and two spheres that were filled with hydrogen gas. The Reservists delivered the debris to the Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles AFB, California, for further study.<sup>15</sup>

**1 September 2011** - Airmen from McChord AFB's active duty 62nd Airlift Wing and Air Force Reserve 446th Airlift Wing, completed the first mid-winter nighttime airdrop over Antarctica. The airdrop delivered medical supplies to Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica. The aircrew onboard the C-17 Globemaster III utilized night-vision goggles while completing the mission. Reservists on the mission included one pilot and three loadmasters.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> (U) Article, "Air Force Reserve honors its Outstanding Airmen of 2010," *Air Force Print News*, 19 Aug 11.

<sup>14</sup> (U) Article, Pacific Unity Public Affairs, "Hickam Reservists building unity in Vietnam," *Air Force Print News Today*, 25 Aug 11.

<sup>15</sup> (U) Article, MSgt Linda Welz, 452 AW/PA, "Reservists retrieve space debris from Mongolia," *Air Force Print News Today*, 21 Sep 11.

<sup>16</sup> (U) Article, A1C Leah Young, 62 AW/PA, "Team McChord makes first-ever mid-winter airdrop over South Pole," *Air Force Print News Today*, 30 Sep 11.

**9 September 2011** - The Air Force Reserve Command commemorated the 11 September 2011 tenth anniversary remembrance event. During the event the Air Force Reserve Command unveiled a piece of limestone from a section of the Pentagon damaged after American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the building during the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001. Members of the 78th Air Base Wing fire department, Robins AFB, Georgia, transferred the stone from the Headquarters AFRC Directorate of Historical Services to the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight hanger on-board a fire truck. Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr. hosted the event. Major General McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and other distinguished military and civilian visitors joined General Stenner to commemorate those that lost their lives on 11 September 2011.<sup>17</sup>

**11 September 2011** – Air Force Reservists from the 442<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing, Whiteman AFB, Missouri, flew their A-10 aircraft over Kansas City, Missouri's Arrowhead stadium during the Kansas City Chiefs's season opener. The Chiefs hosted a special pre-game in honor of those who passed during the events of 9/11. More than 150 local first responders, with the help of the Chiefs and Buffalo Bills, held up an American flag on the field while the jets fly over.<sup>18</sup>

**16 September 2011** – Air Force Reservists from the 916th Air Refueling Wing, Seymour-Johnson AFB, North Carolina, performed a fly-over during the Carolina Panthers game against the Green Bay Packers. The Panthers honored the KC-135 aircrew, including aircraft crew chiefs, during the half-time ceremony held at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina.<sup>19</sup>

**19 September 2011** - Three members of the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, received the national Air Force Association's 2011 President's Award for Air Force Reserve Command during opening of the 2011 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition held in National Harbor, Maryland. The award recognized Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Remualdo, Major Benjamin R. Evans and Staff Sergeant Ronald W. Davis for outstanding airmanship during a 17 February 2011 mission supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom combat operations. The

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<sup>17</sup> (U) Article, HQ AFRC/PA, "Reserve Command commemorates 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11," *Air Force Print News Today*, 12 Sep 11.

<sup>18</sup> (U) Article, AFRC, "A-10s fly over KC Chiefs pre-game," *Air Force Print News Today*, 15 Sep 11.

<sup>19</sup> (U) Article, Maj Shannon Mann, 916 AW/PA, "Total Force tanker crew honored at Panthers home opener," *Air Force Print News Today*, 19 Sep 11.

national Air Force Association President's Award recognizes the Air Force Reserve unit displaying outstanding flying achievement and continued superior performance.<sup>20</sup>

**22 September 2011** - The Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service achieved its goal of 10,051 enlistments for FY11 on 22 September 2011. MSgt Randi Baum recorded Dominick Tami's enlistment at 10:12 am at Youngstown ARS, Ohio. The achievement marked the 11th straight year AFRC recruiters have reached their annual target number for enlistments.<sup>21</sup>

**1 October 2011** - Four flying wings, one flying group and seven smaller units in the Air Force Reserve Command changed their higher headquarters and chains of command by 1 October 2011. Units realigned from the 22nd Air Force to the 4th Air Force included the 315th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina.; the 439th Airlift Wing, Westover ARB, Massachusetts.; the 512th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, Delaware; and the 514th Air Mobility Wing, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. The 340th Flying Training Group at Randolph AFB, Texas, moved from the 10th Air Force to 22nd Air Force. The 71st Aerial Port Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, switched from 22 AF to the 4th AF. Two 4th Air Force units at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, the 604th Command and Control Squadron and Detachment 2, 4th AF security forces - moved to the 10 AF. The 953rd RSPTS, Norfolk NAS, Virginia, and the 954th RSPTS, Scott AFB, Illinois, moved out of the direct control of headquarters AFRC and under the 22 AF. The 94th Aerial Port Squadron, Robins AFB, Georgia, and the 5th Weather Flight, Shaw AFB, South Carolina, moved under the 22 AF.<sup>22</sup>

**17 October 2011** - An aircrew consisting of members of the Air Force Reserve 466th Airlift Wing and the active duty 62nd Airlift Wing, both from McChord AFB, Washington, evacuated an ill government contractor from Antarctica on 13 October 2011. The combined aircrew transported Renee Nicole-Douceur from McMurdo Air Station, Antarctica, to Christchurch, New Zealand. Nicole-Doceur worked at the National Science Foundation's Amudsen-Scott South Pole station. A ski-equipped U.S. Antarctic Program DC3-T provided the initial airlift from Amudsen-Scott to McMurdo Air Station.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> (U) Article, 507 AW/Public Affairs, "Reserve tanker crew recognized for outstanding airmanship," *Air Force Print News*, 29 Jul 11.

<sup>21</sup> (U) Article, "Recruiters make goal," *Air Force Print News Today*, 27 Sep 11.

<sup>22</sup> (U) Article, HQ AFRC/PA, "Reserve Command to realign several units," *Air Force Print News Today*, 26 Sep 11.

<sup>23</sup> (U) Article, 2Lt Denise Hauser, 446 AW/PA, "McChord Airmen evacuate ill woman from Antarctica," *Air Force Print News Today*, 22 Oct 11.

**18 October 2011** - Reservists and active duty crew members from the 446th Airlift Wing and 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Washington, transported US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to Tripoli, Libya, aboard a C-17. Secretary Clinton visited Libya to strengthen ties between the US and the transitional Libyan government that assumed power following the overthrow of Moammar Ghadafi on 20 October 2011. The flight marked the first time a C-17 landed in Libya since NATO Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR began on 23 March 2011.<sup>24</sup>

**9 November 2011** - The United States Air Force Global Strike Command awarded the Lemay Trophy for best bomb squadron to the 93rd Bomb Squadron, 307th Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, during the 2011 Global Strike Challenge. The competition tested mission timing, electronic countermeasure employment, crew communication, in-flight planning, time on target, bomb score, and other factors. Participating units flew B-1, B-2, or B-52 aircraft.<sup>25</sup>

**18 November 2011** - The 932nd Airlift Wing, Scott AFB, Illinois, received its fourth C-40C distinguished visitor aircraft. The C-40C aircraft replaced the retiring C-9C aircraft for all Air Force distinguished visitor missions.<sup>26</sup>

**28 November 2011** - Entertainers and the Band of the Air Force Reserve departed Robins AFB, Georgia, to begin the Operation Seasons Greetings—Tour for the Troops 2011. Artists included musician Chris Daughtry and comedian Gabriel Iglesias. The tour included concerts at Ramstein Air Base and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, Incirlik AB, Turkey, and deployed locations in Southwest Asia.<sup>27</sup>

**10 December 2011** - The 914th Airlift Wing, Niagara Falls, New York, participated in Operation TOY DROP at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Operation TOY DROP served as the largest multi-national airborne operation in the world. American and foreign paratroopers stationed at Fort Bragg contributed new toys to local children's homes and social service agencies. Foreign military jumpmasters supervised the daytime drops complete during the week-long event.<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> (U) Article, Jake Chapelle, 446 AW/PA, "McChord aircrew transport Secretary of State to Libya," *Air Force Print News Today*, 21 Oct 11.

<sup>25</sup> (U) Article, Jessica D'Aurizio, 307 BW/PA, "Barksdale Reserve bomber unit wins Lemay Trophy," *Air Force Print News Today*, 16 Nov 11.

<sup>26</sup> (U) Article, Maj Stan Paregian, 932 AW/PA, "Air Force Reserve unit receives fourth C-40C plane," *Air Force Print News Today*, 21 Nov 11.

<sup>27</sup> Article, HQ AFRC/PA, "Daughtry, Iglesias, Reserve Band depart for Tour for the Troops 2011," *Air Force Print News Today*, 29 Nov 11.

<sup>28</sup> (U) Article, TSgt Joseph McKee, 914 AW/PA, "Niagara C-130s support Operation Toy Drop at Fort Bragg," *Air Force Print News Today*, 14 Dec 11.

**13 December 2011** - Lockheed Martin Aeronautics completed the final F-22 ordered by the Air Force at the company's Marietta, Georgia, plant. Air Force Reserve pilots assigned to the 477th Fighter Group, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, and the 44th Fighter Group, Holloman AFB, New Mexico, fly F-22.<sup>29</sup>

**15 December 2011** – Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., inaugurated the Air Force Reserve Command Heritage Hall in the command headquarters building. Betty R. Kennedy, Director of Historical Services, joined General Stenner for the ceremonial ribbon cutting. Items displayed included a propeller from a DH-4 aircraft, ribbons belonging to Korean War ace Captain Robert Moore, and art from the Air Force Art Program.<sup>30</sup>

**15 December 2011** - Reserve Airmen from the 477th Fighter Group, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, attended an advanced screening of the film *Red Tails* at Tikhatnu movie theater in Anchorage, Alaska. The 477 FG and the group's 302nd Fighter Squadron traced its heritage back to the all-black 332nd Fighter Group and 477th Bombardment Group from World War II.<sup>31</sup>

**18 December 2011** - Colonel Ted Mathews, 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander, greeted Airmen under his command as they boarded a C-17 at Ali AB, Iraq. The departing Airmen were the last United States combat Airmen to redeploy from Iraq. Colonel Mathews also served as vice-commander for the 927th Air Refueling Wing, MacDill AFB, Florida, as a Reservist.<sup>32</sup>

**23 December 2011** - General Charles E. Stenner, Jr. selected CMSgt Kathleen Buckner as the Air Force Reserve Command's new command chief. Buckner, who previously served as the command chief for the 349th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, California, replaced CMSgt Dwight Badgett who assumed the top enlisted position at Joint Task Force North, Fort Bliss, Texas. CMSgt Buckner enlisted in the Air Force in 1987, joined

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<sup>29</sup> (U) Article, SrA Danielle Purnell, 94 AW/PA, "Lockheed Martin rolls out final F-22 Raptor," *Air Force Print News Today*, 14 Dec 11.

<sup>30</sup> (U) Article, Don Boyd, HQ AFRC/HO, "Heritage Hall inauguration brings history to life," *Air Force Print News*, 15 Dec 11.

<sup>31</sup> (U) Article, Capt Ashley Conner, 477 FG/PA, "George Lucas film, Red Tails, premieres to Alaska Air Force Reserve audience," *Air Force Print News Today*, 16 Dec 11.

<sup>32</sup> (U) Article, "Reservist commands last group of Airmen to leave Iraq," *Air Force Print News Today*, 21 Dec 11.

the Air Force Reserve in 1997, and deployed in support of the Global War on Terror in 2007.<sup>33</sup>

**9 January 2012** - Reservists from the 78<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, helped deliver 45,000 pounds of food to Afghanistan via a KC10 aircraft. The Reserve aircrew transported the cargo from Minneapolis-St. Paul ARS, Minnesota, to Charleston AFB, South Carolina. The Denton Program paid to transport the cargo from the United States to Afghanistan.<sup>34</sup>

**12 January 2012** - United States Representative Joseph Wilson, South Carolina, visited Headquarters, Air Force Reserve Command to discuss the Air Force Reserve Force Generation Center and other Reserve matters. Representative Wilson, representing South Carolina's 2nd Congressional District, met with Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., during the visit. Wilson served on the House Armed Services Committee.<sup>35</sup>

**20 January 2012** - Combat search and rescue airmen from the 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing, Patrick AFB, Florida, supported the launch of a Delta IV rocket carrying the fourth Wideband Global SATCOM satellite sent into orbit. The Air Force Reservists ensured that a 60-mile portion of the eastern launch range remained clear of maritime traffic during the launch.<sup>36</sup>

**23 January 2012** - Reservists from the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Westover ARB, Massachusetts, performed a C-5 flyover before a crowd of over 60,000 people during a National Football League game between the New England Patriots and Baltimore Ravens.<sup>37</sup>

**25 January 2012** - Sixty Airmen from the 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing, Patrick AFB, Florida, deployed to Africa to support combined joint task force Horn of Africa. The 920 RQW personnel and two combat search and rescue HC-130P/N King aircraft provided rescue and humanitarian relief expertise to CJTF-Horn of Africa during the four-month

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<sup>33</sup> (U) Article, HQ AFRC/PA, "Reserve Command announces new command chief," *Air Force Print News Today*, 28 Dec 11.

<sup>34</sup> (U) Shawn Jones, 514 AMW/PA, "New Jersey Reserve wing help deliver food to Afghans," *Air Force Print News*, 17 Jan 12.

<sup>35</sup> (U) Article, HQ AFRC/PA, "Congressman visits command headquarters," *Air Force Print News Today*, 13 Jan 12.

<sup>36</sup> (U) Capt. Cathleen Snow, 920 RQW/PA, "AF Reservists support first rocket launch of the year," *Air Force Print News Today*, 23 Jan 12.

<sup>37</sup> (U) MSgt Andrew Biscoe, 439 AW/PA, "Westover C-5 soars over thousands at Patriots playoff game," *Air Force Print News Today*, 23 Jan 12.



deployment. Combined joint task force-Horn of Africa provided rescue, search, and humanitarian service to Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti, Seychelles, Yemen, Tanzania, Mauritius, Madagascar, Mozambique, Burundi, Rwanda, Comoros, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Uganda.<sup>38</sup>

**31 January 2012** - The last C-5 Galaxy assigned to the 445th Airlift Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, completed its final flight on 31 January 2012. A 445<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing aircrew flew the C-5, tail number 70-0457, to the 309<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Group (309 AMARG), Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. The 445 AW started converting to C-17 aircraft in January 2011. Ten C-5 aircraft assigned to the 445 AW entered the 309 AMARG due to the conversion.<sup>39</sup>

**3 February 2012** – The Air Force announced plans to retire 82 Air Force Reserve Command aircraft and to execute organizational changes throughout the command as part of the Air Force Strategy and Force Structure Overview. The Air Force developed the overview to rebalance its overall ratio of Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard forces at approximately 60 installations in 33 states. The plan included the retirement of 227 aircraft throughout the Air Force as part of the Air Force’s goal of meeting the president’s proposed fiscal year 2013 defense budget. States housing installations affected by the AFRC action included Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Texas.<sup>40</sup>

**3-5 February 2012** - Air Force Reservists from the 315th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, delivered approximately 56,000 lbs. of humanitarian aid to Haiti using C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. During the three-day mission, the Reservists delivered medical supplies, food, clothing, a van and construction equipment valued at over \$40,000 to schools and medical clinics in Dumbay, Haiti.<sup>41</sup>

**4 March 2012** – The 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick AFB, Florida, had 150 Airmen conducting life-saving rescue operations in Germany, Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa region, and other locations worldwide. The 920 RQW trained and equipped

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<sup>38</sup> (U) Capt. Cathleen Snow, 920 RW/PA, “Rescue Reservists deploy to Horn of Africa,” *Air Force Print News Today*, 26 Jan 12.

<sup>39</sup> (U) Stacy Vaughn, 445 AW/PA, “Ohio Reserve wing bids farewell to C-5 mission,” *Air Force Print News Today*, 1 Feb 12.

<sup>40</sup> (U) Article, Col Bob Thompson, AFRC/PA, “Force structure changes affect 14 states,” *Air Force Print News Today*, 3 Feb 12.

<sup>41</sup> (U) Article, Capt. Wayne Capps, 315 AW/PA, “Reservists continue Haiti humanitarian relief,” *Air Force Print News Today*, 7 Feb 12.

approximately 1,700 combat-search-and-rescue Airmen to locate and recover personnel during military operations.

**6 March 2012** – The Air Force announced force structure changes projected to affect approximately 3,000 Air Force Reservists in fiscal year 2013 (FY13). The force structure changes occurred as part of the Air Force Strategy and Force Structure Overview initiative designed to reduce Total Force manning by 9,900 Airmen in FY13. The Air Force Reserve projected that end strength manning would decrease from 71,400 to 70,500 by FY13. Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander, Air Force Reserve Command, stated that he expected to decrease “manning numbers through normal attrition and reduced recruiting.” If executed as projected, the force structure changes would impact AFRC units at 45 installations throughout the United States. The closure of the 911<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh ARS, Pennsylvania, the loss of 409 part-time and 171 fulltime Air Reserve Technicians/Civilians positions at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, and the deactivation of the Band of the Air Force Reserve constituted some of the most significant of the planned force structure changes. The Air Force planned decreases of 3,900 active-duty Airmen and 5,100 Air National Guard Airmen by FY13. The Air Force estimated the force structure changes would save \$8.7 billion in FY13.<sup>42</sup>

**March 2012** - To date the Air Force Reserve met challenges to National Security spanning over six decades. For twenty consecutive years, the United States Air Force has been engaged in combat and operations globally. The Air Force Reserve has been an integral part of that effort. Everyday Heroes, civilian and military, have performed magnificently whether in volunteer or mobilization status. At times they have worked in extreme conditions to aid foreign and domestic peoples in need. They have delivered sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests- to fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace.

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<sup>42</sup> (U) Article, Col. Bob Thompson, Office of Air Force Reserve Public Affairs, “Air Force Reserve plans to change about 3,000 jobs in FY13,” *Air Force Print News Today*, 6 Mar 12.