

MAJOR GENERAL Craig Neil Gourley

Maj. Gen. Craig Neil Gourley is Vice Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga. He is responsible for the daily operations of the command, which employs about 76,100 Citizen Airmen and consists of more than 379 aircraft among three numbered air forces, 34 wings, three flying groups and 620 mission support units. Air Force Reserve Command supports the Air Force mission to defend the United States through control and exploitation of air and space by supporting global engagement. AFRC plays an integral role in the day-to-day Air Force mission.

The general received his commission in 1978 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering. He entered pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Okla., in 1978. General Gourley was selected for the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Aggressor program and also for the Stealth fighter program. He transferred to the Air Force Reserve in 1989 where he flew F-16s and has held assignments ranging from squadron commander to Vice Commander of 10th Air Force. He is a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours and has flown combat missions in Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan.