

CONTINENTAL AIR COMMAND



MISSION

The Continental Air Command was responsible for command and operational control, and budgetary, administrative, and personnel support of Air Force Reserve units and individual trainees. Special missions included coordination of Air Force plans in domestic and civil emergencies, Air Force representation on civil-defense boards, cooperation with Army and Navy in basic plans for defense other than air defense, Air Force representation on state Reserve facilities boards, liaison with Selective Service, supervision and implementation of the Air Force program of cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America, and certain added responsibilities delegated in USAF war plans.

Continental Air Command was divided into five regions. Immediately subordinate to the regions were flying units of the command; AF Reserve military airlift wings, troop carrier wings, aerospace rescue and recovery squadrons, aeromedical evacuation units. plus many support units. These units were under Reserve Region headquarters for administrative supervision, but were trained and inspected by the major air commands to which they were assigned in the event of a call-up in a national emergency.

In addition to its Reserve flying units, Continental Air Command supervised numerous Ready Reserve support organizations, including Medical Service Squadrons and Flights, Specialty Training units, Military Airlift Support units, Mobile Maintenance and Supply units, Air Terminal Squadrons, and a Postal Squadron.

Continental Air Command also had the primary responsibility for the supervision and operation of all aspects of the Judge Advocate General Area Representative program. These highly qualified Reserve Judge Advocates, in addition to performing other legal duties, also rendered legal assistance to active-duty and retired military personnel and their dependents, as well as to survivors of servicemen who lost their lives in Southeast Asia.

Air Force Reserve chaplains were also active within Continental Air Command, administered to the spiritual needs of Air Force personnel, both active and reserve. The Air Reserve Personnel Center, located at Denver, CO, was a major component of Continental Air Command. Air Reserve Personnel Center, maintained the personnel records of more than 400,000 Reservists. All changes and actions affecting this mountainous volume of records were the responsibility of Air Reserve Personnel Center, personnel.

LINEAGE

Continental Air Command established and organized, 1 Dec 1948

Inactivated, 1 Aug 1968

Disestablished, 21 Sep 1984

STATIONS

Robins AFB, GA

COMMANDERS

Lt Gen George E. Stratemeyer, 1 Dec 1948

Lt Gen Ennis C. Whitehead, 15 Apr 1949

MG Willis H. Hale, 14 Dec 1950

Lt Gen Leon W. Johnson, 18 Feb 1952

Lt Gen Charles B. Stone III, 15 Dec 1955

Lt Gen William E. Hall, 1 Jul 1957

Lt Gen Gordon A. Blake, 30 Sep 1961

Lt Gen Edward J. Timberlake, 1 Jul 1962

Lt Gen Henry Viccellio, Sr., 1 Aug 1966

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OPERATIONS

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