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## Stenner takes reigns of AF Reserve Command

**By Senior Master Sgt. Matt Proietti**

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr. assumed command of the Air Force Reserve and its 68,000 members in a ceremony at the Air Force Memorial in Washington D.C. June 24.

He succeeds Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, who held the post since 2004.

"I'm excited to lead the finest group of warriors I have ever known," said General Stenner. "These are Airmen who have to maintain a balance with their family, their military commitments, their civilian career and their community."

Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Duncan McNabb officiated and said the command is getting a "remarkable leader" in General Stenner.

"Command is not a new role for (him)," said General McNabb. "It is what

he was made for, and what he loves doing. He knows where we are going as an Air Force and he understands where the Air Force Reserve fits as an integral part of the Total Force." General Stenner assumes a dual role, which requires him to divide his time between serving as chief of the Air Force Reserve in Washington while also being head of the Air Force Reserve Command at Robins AFB, Ga. He has been assistant deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and programs at the Pentagon for two years. Before that he served as director of operations at command headquarters and director of plans and programs there before transferring to Washington. He has commanded four operations groups and two fighter wings.

General Stenner is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours in



**Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, Jr. chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander, Air Force Reserve Command, addresses the audience after the change of command ceremony June 24, at the Air Force Memorial. General Stenner assumed command from Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley. Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Sarracino**



**Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley administers the oath of office to Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr. during the change of command ceremony in which General Bradley relinquished command to General Stenner. The ceremony was at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va., June 24. Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Sarracino**

the F-4 Phantom, A-10 Thunderbolt and F-16 Fighter Falcon.

General Stenner's immediate goal is to keep the Air Force Reserve on a steady course as it works with its active-duty and Air National Guard partners.

"The Air Force has some very, very good objectives for the way ahead (in) winning the war on terror, taking care of our people and recapitalizing this Air Force, to include the Air Force Reserve," he said. "Our reserve warriors are going to continue in their assigned duties. They've been doing it exceptionally well and I expect that to continue."

General McNabb said General Stenner takes command of the Reserve at a time when the Air Force "is engaged in

a battle of good over evil, hope over despair, light over darkness and freedom over tyranny. (We) are our nation's sword and shield...and we will go to the most dangerous place on the planet...tonight...to defend freedom and protect America," he said. "The line between regular and reserve forces is indistinguishable, and we are the benchmark service for the joint team on how to integrate the right way."

General Stenner acknowledged sacrifices made by his family and those of reservists. He ended his comments with one statement to those in uniform.

"Now let's go to work."

# Top AF leaders step down

## Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force tender resignations

### Compiled from staff reports

Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley tendered their resignations June 5. The resignation of the Air Force's top leadership came after criticism of the Air Force's nuclear focus.

Secretary Wynne issued the following statement.

"Since November 3, 2005, it has been my privilege to serve this country as the 21st secretary of the Air Force. I have relished the opportunity President Bush gave me to lead the strongest Air Force in the world during a time of war, and I have marveled at the tremendous accomplishments of our Airmen and civilians in their valiant defense of this country and its interests.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as their secretary while working side-by-side with General Moseley and the magnificent patriots serving in the Department of Defense and the United States government to win today's fight, take care of our people and prepare for tomorrow's challenges.

I have been a long-time proponent of accepting responsibility and being accountable for actions and activities within our Air Force. I have read with regret the recent report concerning the control of nuclear-related assets. Control of this strategic area is a firm commitment by our Air Force to America.

It is in this spirit that I offered my resignation as secretary of the Air Force to Secretary Gates. I have to live up to the same standards I expect from my Airmen. Even as I do, my heart, my thoughts and prayers remain with America's Airmen who will continue to do magnificent things for this great country."

General Moseley, the Air Force's top uniformed official, offered this statement.

"Recent events have highlighted a loss of focus on certain critical matters within the Air Force. As the Air Force's senior uniformed leader, I take full responsibility for events which have hurt the Air Force's reputation or raised a question of every Airman's commitment to our core values.

For the past 36 years I have been privileged to serve my country as an Airman in the United States Air Force in peacetime and combat. I was honored and humbled to be appointed the Air Force's 18th chief of staff and have been proud to serve our Airmen and their families.

Upon taking office, I worked hard with Secretary Wynne to ensure the Air Force provided the right forces at the right time to help our nation and allies win the global war on terror. I think the honorable thing to do is to step aside. After consulting with my family, I have submitted my request for retirement to Secretary Gates. The Air Force is bigger than one Airman, and I have full confidence that the Air Force will continue working with the joint team to win today's fight, take care of its Airmen, and meet tomorrow's challenges. I love the Air Force and remain proud of America's Airmen."

To fill each position requires Senate confirmation. Currently the acting Secretary of the Air Force is Michael B. Donely and Gen. Duncan J. McNabb is the acting Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Nominations for the positions are expected later in the month.



Secretary of the Air Force, Michael W. Wynne



Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. T. Michael Moseley

## Commander's Corner



Col. Nancy Robinson, RMG/CC

We all lead such busy lives and it is very easy to lose focus on the need for **safety**. We are currently in the midst of '101 Critical Days of Summer.' The campaign began Memorial Day weekend and ends Labor Day weekend. Historically, this is a period of high risk because people are doing more. People are outside, traveling, swimming and camping. During the last five '101 Critical Days of Summer' periods, 146 Airman were killed in mishaps. Of these fatalities,

117 were traffic-related, and 43 percent of these deaths were motorcyclists. Just this past month, two fellow reservists were killed in separate outdoor activities.

Young men between the ages of 18 and 25 are most at risk for injury or death, yet all Airmen and their families need to remain extra vigilant about

safety as the temperatures rise. Whether barbecuing in your backyard, out on a road trip or even just trying out a new sport, all Airmen need to think about their actions and the possible consequences.

Throughout the summer, Airmen must exercise extra safety precautions. Airmen are our most valuable asset, so be safe and take care of each other. Some important safety reminders are:

- Wear seatbelts in cars and required protective equipment on motorcycles.
- Remain alert while at the wheel. Plan rest breaks at frequent intervals.
- Top off gas tanks regularly while on roadtrips.
- Don't speed in an effort to arrive early.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Anticipate the unexpected and be ready to react.

Have a great summer!

# IMA contributes to the fight

**By Capt. David Wilson**  
Det. 320/OSI, Chief, Public Affairs

This month's Chronicle spotlights Special Agent Peter Hall, Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the detachment commander at OSI/Det. 320, Grand Forks AFB, N.D. Hall's consistently high level of performance led to his selection as the Region 3 IMA of the Year for 2007.

Hall deployed to Afghanistan in 2007. His commander, Special Agent Michael Sian, noted that Hall's "unique insight into joint coalition operations planning was key in tracking down and capturing six Taliban members and six rockets. His hands-on leadership style and liaison-based efforts produced amazing results."

Hall enhanced joint op-

erations by forging strong relationships with International Security Assistance Force Joint Intelligence Plans. He served as point man for a joint ISAF operation which seized multiple suicide vests, helping to cripple the enemy's war capability. He also recovered more than \$200,000 worth of individual body armor during a covert operation, limiting the insurgents' ability to survive. His rapid on-the-spot support even led to the successful resolution of a national hostage crisis. Hall also developed 65 strong liaison contacts when he organized, directed and led the commanding general's counter-intelligence and force protection team.

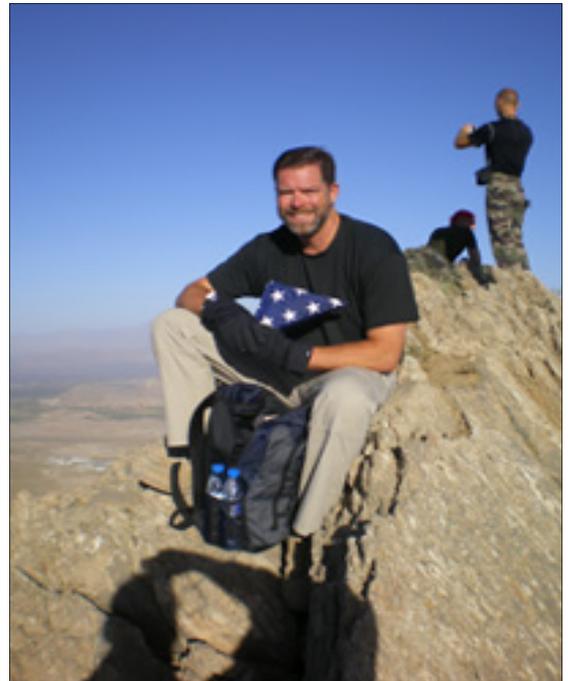
According to his award package, he was instrumental in producing more than 3,000 intelligence,

serious incident and threat reports and painting a vivid picture of the battlefield.

Additionally, he served as lead Counter Intelligence Agent at Joint Information Operations Center. He handled sensitive information compromises, suspicious activities and ten debriefs. His rapid resolution of 25 incidents mitigated threats to combat operations, greatly increasing freedom of movement.

While performing his duties, Hall also was a lifesaver. During a convoy, a young Afghan boy was struck. Hall quickly coordinated transportation and first aid, helping save the boy's life.

Back stateside, Hall works fulltime for Boeing. He is married to Special Agent Susan Hall, an IMA to OSI, War Fighter.



**Special Agent Peter Hall, IMA to the commander of OSI/Det. 320, in Afghanistan.** *Courtesy photo*

## News Briefs

### RMG seeks inputs to Strat Plan

The Readiness Management Group is setting three-year goals for the Air Force's Individual Reservist (Individual Mobilization Augmentee and Participating Individual Ready Reservist) program. As part of this initiative, a Strategic Planning Conference was held at Headquarters RMG in January. The result was the RMG Strategic Plan (covered in June Chronicle).

In order to measure progress towards the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan, HQ RMG is seeking the inputs of IRs, through a feedback form posted at: <https://einvitations.afit.edu/AFRCSurvey/index.cfm>. All Air Force IRs are requested to complete the form by July 31.

The results will be part of a series of data points collected to

set a baseline measurement. In a year, we'll ask for more feedback to assess progress on meeting the intents of the RMG Strategic Plan.

### TRICARE letters coming

The DOD is in the process of sending 120 Selected Reserve Airmen letters notifying them that they now are eligible for TRICARE Reserve Select. These members may have been enrolled in the previous TRS Tier 1 plan, but were excluded from continued participation in TRS after Sept. 30, 2007, because they were eligible to purchase health insurance under the Federal Employees Health Benefit program. Members now have the option to purchase the coverage retroactive to Oct. 1, 2007, or start it now.

For more information, visit [www.tricare.mil/reserve/reserveselect](http://www.tricare.mil/reserve/reserveselect).

### Regular soap OK for ABUs

Airmen are now authorized to wash their Airmen Battle Uniforms in regular detergent, even if the detergent uses optical brighteners, announced Air Force leaders recently.

While any detergent can be used to launder the uniform, fabric softeners or bleach should be avoided. The uniform should be tumble-dried at the low heat setting. Starching and hot pressing are still prohibited; these procedures deteriorate the fiber in the uniform.

### 2009 pay increase

Active duty and reserve component members can bank on a 3.9 percent pay raise next January as Congress continues to close a perceived military "pay gap."

This is the 10th consecutive year in which a military pay increase will exceed private sector wage growth by a half of a percentage point.

### Congress passes tax relief act

Congress approved the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 (H.R. 6081), which is on the way for final approval by the President. The bill includes a combination of tax benefits and extensions to expiring benefits for service-members and their families. The bill also allows surviving families to put death gratuities into tax-deferred savings accounts, and employers to continue contributing to the retirement plans of employees who were killed or severely disabled.

For more information, visit <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/rticle/0,,id=184394,00.html>.

### Personnel records digitized

IMA and PIRR records have gone digital. Airmen are now able to access their records online via the Automated Records Management System button on AFPC Secure.