

General Burns Base's Top Ranking Officer

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MAJOR GENERAL
ROBERT W. BURNS

Major General Robert Wynn Burns is Commander of the Tactical Air Command's (TAC) Nineteenth Air Force, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. He is responsible for planning for contingency operations in support of the U.S. Strike Command and the Atlantic Command. He is also responsible for commanding TAC's Composite Air Strike Force during contingency operations and exercises. The exact composition of this highly mobile, fast-reacting force of tactical fighter, airlift and reconnaissance aircraft is tailored to the requirements of the particular exercise or contingency.

General Burns was born in Nettleton, Miss., on Dec. 8, 1916. In 1936 he was graduated from Mississippi State Teachers College with a bachelor of science degree and in 1939 enlisted in the Army as an aviation cadet. He received his pilot wings at Kelly Field, Tex., and was appointed a second lieutenant in November 1939.

The General's first assignment was to the 7th Reconnaissance Squadron in the Panama Canal Zone. In February 1942, he assumed command of Headquarters Squadron, 6th Bomb Group and the following July became Commander, 74th Bomb Squadron in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

He returned to the United States in November 1942 and was assigned as Deputy Commander of the 331st Bomb Group, Geiger Field, Wash. In April 1943, he went with the 331st to England as part of the Eighth Air Force, and in September 1944, he was named Group Commander. During his

tour of duty with the 331st Bomb Group, he flew 24 combat missions in the B-17 Flying Fortress.

General Burns returned to the United States in May 1945, and later assumed command of the 63d Air Base Unit, Colorado Springs, Colo. In April 1946, he was assigned to the 118th Fighter Group, Tennessee Air National Guard, in Nashville, Tenn., as Senior Flight Instructor.

In January 1949, General Burns entered the Armed Forces Staff College and, upon graduation, was assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force for duty with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and later with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Development.

In June 1952, he was selected for assignment to the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group

(JUSMAG) in Greece where he served as Deputy Chief and then as Chief of the Air Force Section.

He returned to the United States in December 1954 and became Deputy for Operations, 25th Air Division (Defense), McCord Air Force Base, Wash.

General Burns was selected to attend the National War College and, upon graduation in June 1958, became Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Defense Command (ADC), Ent Air Force Base, Colo. He was Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, ADC, from July 1959 to July 1962.

He was assigned as Commander of the 73d Air Division (ADC), Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., in July 1962, and became Chief, Military Assistance Advisory Group, Pakistan, in May 1965.

General Burns was assigned as Commander Nineteenth Air Force at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., on April 1, 1967.

General Burns' decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Ribbon and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

He married the former Ruth Blackburn of Johnston, Pa. They have three children: Andrew, Susan and Rebecca.

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