

Changes-of-Command

20 new leaders join AFRS by Aug. 1

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Twenty new commanders have, or soon will, become part of Air Force Recruiting Service between June 14 and Aug. 1. Here's the breakout.

Headquarters

On July 17, **Brig. Gen. Suzanne Vautrinot** assumes command of HQ AFRS from Maj. Gen. (select) Robertus Remkes, who is being assigned to U.S. European Command, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany.

Before HQ AFRS, General Vautrinot, a 1982 Air Force Academy graduate, was assigned to the Pentagon as Strategic Security deputy director, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements at HQ Air Force.

A former USAFA classmate said the general's leadership skills and drive were evident even as a cadet.

"She was very bright, high energy, optimistic and very caring of others," said fellow 1982 grad Lt. Col. Tony Klucking, director of USAFA's Command Issues. "She had a clear vision on how to get things done."

USAFA's current Dean of Faculty agrees. "She's a leader of character who lives 'people first — mission always,'" said Brig. Gen. Dana Born, a 1983 Academy grad.

General Vautrinot's experience in space systems acquisition and operation includes National Reconnaissance Satellites, advanced space surveillance, and operations chief for the 14th Air Force at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.



Brig. Gen. Suzanne Vautrinot
Commander
HQ AFRS

Col. Earl Chase takes over HQ AFRS vice commander duties July 20, from Col. Bob East, who retires Oct. 1. Colonel Chase is an AFRS returnee. Before his recent job as 37th Training Wing vice commander at Lackland AFB, Texas, he commanded the 369th RCG at Lackland from November 2002 to July 2004.

He's a 1977 graduate of Illinois Benedictine in Lisle, Ill., and was commissioned through Officer Training School in 1979. His assignments include B-52 instructor navigator at the 319th Bomb Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.D., and mission commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.



Col. Earl Chase
Vice Commander
HQ AFRS

Groups

Colonel Mario Campos Jr., assumed command of the **372th Recruiting Group**, Hill AFB, Utah, June 23, from Col. Timothy Arrington, who retires Oct. 1.

Colonel Campos, a 1982 distinguished graduate of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Texas at El Paso, brings lots of recruiting experience to his new job. He's been a squadron commander (342nd RCS, Minneapolis), deputy group commander (367th RCG, Robins AFB, Ga.), and most recently, chief of HQ AFRS Plans and Resources Division. With that varied perspective, he hopes "to make the field understand the challenges that we will face in the future, yet be able to achieve our future goals successfully by working with the headquarters and other external agencies," he said.

Col. Michael Brice assumes command of the **367th RCG**, Robins AFB, Ga., July 6, from Col. Gary Kirk, who has applied for retirement. Colonel Brice was commissioned through AFROTC at the



Col. Anthony Henderson
Commander
360th Recruiting Group



Col. Michael Brice
Commander
367th Recruiting Group



Col. Daniel Woolever
Commander
369th Recruiting Group



Col. Mario Campos Jr.
Commander
372nd Recruiting Group

University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1983. His most recent assignment was as chief of the Personnel Programs Division, HQ U.S. Air Forces in Europe, at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Colonel Brice said he wants to “provide my troops the leadership, support and guidance necessary to successfully recruit the right number of people with the right skills to accomplish the Air Force mission in the 21st Century.”

Col. Anthony Henderson assumes the top job at the **360th RCG**, Hanscom AFB, Mass., July 7, from Col. Glenda Raichlenon, who’s going to HQ Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

“I am thrilled to be back in recruiting!” Colonel Henderson wrote in an email. “The excitement is contagious—there is *no* place I would rather be.” He said his previous assignments at the 362nd RCS, March ARB, Calif., and the Air Staff at the Pentagon, gave him “a deep respect” for recruiters in the field.

“They do an awesome job!” said the colonel, who was commissioned through AFROTC in 1983, at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Col. Daniel Woolever takes command of the **369th RCG**, Lackland AFB, Texas, July 14, from Col. Mark Wasserman, who becomes HQ AFRS Operations Division chief. Colonel Woolever was commissioned via Lehigh University’s AFROTC program in 1983, and also brings previous AFRS experience to his new job. He was deputy chief, then chief of the Operations Division at HQ AFRS and served as 344th RCS commander in Arlington, Texas. He also ran Air Force technical schools and supervised people in a variety of Air Force specialties. That varied experience, the colonel said, “brings me a great deal of knowledge about the 150-plus enlisted specialties and many officer opportunities, thus enhancing our recruiting efforts,” in the group.

Squadrons

313th RCS, North Syracuse, N.Y., Lt. Col. Patrick Dowling became commander June 30, replacing Lt. Col. John Sheppard, who’s retiring.

317th RCS, Oxon Hill, Md., Lt. Col. Robert Sluga assumes command July 14, from Lt. Col. Byron Demby, who’s going to a U.S. Strategic Command staff based in Falls Church, Va.

318th RCS, New Cumberland, Pa., Maj. Gregg Kline assumes command July 5, from Lt. Col. Robert (Vance) Clewis, who is headed to the Air Force Battlelab, Langley AFB, Va.

331st RCS, Gunter AFB, Ala., Maj. Cameron Gilbert assumes command July 11, from Maj. Curtis McGiffin, who’s going to Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Va.

337th RCS, Shaw AFB, S.C., Lt. Col. Thomas Moore assumed command June 22, from Lt. Col. Tony Secrist, who’s headed to U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.

344th RCS, Arlington, Texas, Lt. Col. Michael Stephens assumes command July 25, from Lt. Col. Dawn Campbell-Currie, who becomes the AFRS Inspector General.

345th RCS, Scott AFB, Ill., Lt. Col. (sel) Marvin Erickson assumes command Aug. 1, from Lt. Col. Ann Pinc, who’s

going to the Air Intelligence Agency, Lackland AFB.

347th RCS, Milwaukee, Wis., Lt. Col. (sel) Ronald Jackson Jr., became commander June 29, replacing Lt. Col. James Fournier, who went to Royal Air Force Molesworth, U.K.

348th RCS, Little Rock AFB, La., Lt. Col. Kenneth Walters assumes command July 11, from Lt. Col. Michael Vik, who is headed to Ramstein AB, Germany.

349th RCS, Tinker AFB, Okla., Maj. Frank Alberga became commander June 22, replacing Lt. Col. Joseph Fetsch, who went to the Pentagon.

361st RCS, McChord AFB, Wash., Lt. Col. Norbert Motz became commander June 14, replacing Lt. Col. Pat McCormack, who’s retiring.

362nd RCS, March ARB, Calif., Lt. Col. Malcolm Johnson became commander June 16, replacing Lt. Col. Phil Byrd, who went to Germany.

367th RCS, Colorado Springs, Colo., Lt. Col. Gregg VanderLey took command June 20, replacing Lt. Col. Kay Smith, who went to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

369th RCS, Los Angeles, Calif., Lt. Col. Andy Nielsen assumes command July 6, from Lt. Col. Thomas Plummer, who’s going to L.A. AFB, Calif.