

The Air Force Song

by Robert Crawford

*Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em boys, Give 'er the gun! (Give 'er the gun now!)
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!*

Additional verses:

*Minds of men fashioned a crate of thunder,
Sent it high into the blue;
Hands of men blasted the world asunder;
How they lived God only knew! (God only knew then!)
Souls of men dreaming of skies to conquer
Gave us wings, ever to soar!
With scouts before And bombers galore. Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!*

Bridge: "A Toast to the Host"

*Here's a toast to the host
Of those who love the vastness of the sky,
To a friend we send a message of his brother men who fly.
We drink to those who gave their all of old,
Then down we roar to score the rainbow's pot of gold.
A toast to the host of men we boast, the U.S. Air Force!*

Zoom!

*Off we go into the wild sky yonder,
Keep the wings level and true;
If you'd live to be a grey-haired wonder
Keep the nose out of the blue! (Out of the blue, boy!)
Flying men, guarding the nation's border,
We'll be there, followed by more!
In echelon we carry on. Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!*

Change of Command Ceremony



*Saturday, 6 May 2023, at 0930hrs
Beale Air Force Base, CA*



Sequence of Events

Welcome

Maj Matthew Ivler
Director of Operations, 149 IS

National Anthem

Arrival of Official Party

Brigadier General Steven J. Butow
Colonel Robert M. Sage
Colonel Raymond A. de Jesus

Invocation

Chaplain Maj Christopher Flesoras

Official Party Comments

Brigadier General Steven J. Butow
Commander, CA Air National Guard

Official Party Comments

Colonel Robert M. Sage
Outgoing Commander, 195th Wing

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Colonel Raymond A. de Jesus
Commander, 195th Wing

Benediction

Chaplain Maj Christopher Flesoras

Conclusion of Ceremony

195th Wing History

The 195th began as a Tactical Airlift Group on 15 May 1971. It was assigned to the California Air National Guard's 146th Tactical Airlift Wing based out of Van Nuys Municipal Airport in Los Angeles, California. Initial aircraft assigned was the C-130A Hercules. In 1973, the unit received the C-130B model. From 1971 to 1974, the Group successfully executed its flying mission in support of Tactical Air Command throughout the United States. With the end of the Vietnam War, the need for airlift decreased and the National Guard Bureau and Headquarters California National Guard agreed to downsize the 146th Tactical Airlift Wing as part of the post war drawdown. The 195th Tactical Airlift Group and assigned squadrons were inactivated on 30 September 1974. Personnel, Equipment and aircraft were reassigned to 146th units.

On 1 September 2015, the 195th was reactivated and redesignated as the 195th Wing. The Wing is based at Beale Air Force Base, California, assigned to the California Air National Guard with Air Force Space Command as the gaining Major Command. The 195th Wing is the realization of a major California Air National Guard transformational effort that began in the 162d Combat Communications Group in 2001. Along with the creation of the Wing, the following units were constituted and assigned to the 195th Wing on 1 September 2015: 195th Force Support Flight, 195th Comptroller Flight, 195th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, and 195th Operations Group. The units assigned to the Groups were reassigned from the 162d Combat Communications Group which was inactivated on 1 September 2015.

The 195th Wing is one of five major organizations that make up the California Air National Guard. It is comprised of eleven subordinate units located at five operating locations throughout the State. The 195th is the hub for all non-flying, non-kinetic global effects operations for the California Air National Guard leading the way in Cyber, Intelligence and Space mission areas.

Assigned Units



195th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group
Beale Air Force Base
Commander:
Col Raymond de Jesus



195th Operations Group
Van Nuys Air Guard Station
Sepulveda, CA
Commander: Col Jason Knight



149th Intelligence Squadron
Mather Field
Commander:
LtCol Brian Fair



147th Combat Communications Squadron
San Diego Air Guard Station
San Diego, CA
Commander:
LtCol Tracy Lloyd



222d Intelligence Support Squadron
Beale Air Force Base
Commander:
LtCol Megan Stromberg



148th Space Operations Squadron
Vandenberg Space Force Base
Commander:
LtCol Sahira G. DeMarco



234th Intelligence Squadron
Beale Air Force Base
Commander:
LtCol Danny Elich



216th Electromagnetic Warfare Squadron
Vandenberg Space Force Base
Commander:
LtCol Mark Masterson



234th Intelligence Squadron
Operating Location - Alpha
JFTB—Los Alamitos
OIC:
Maj Harry Acosta



261st Cyber Operations Squadron
Van Nuys Air Guard Station
Sepulveda, CA
Commander:
LtCol Jeanphilippe Berreitter

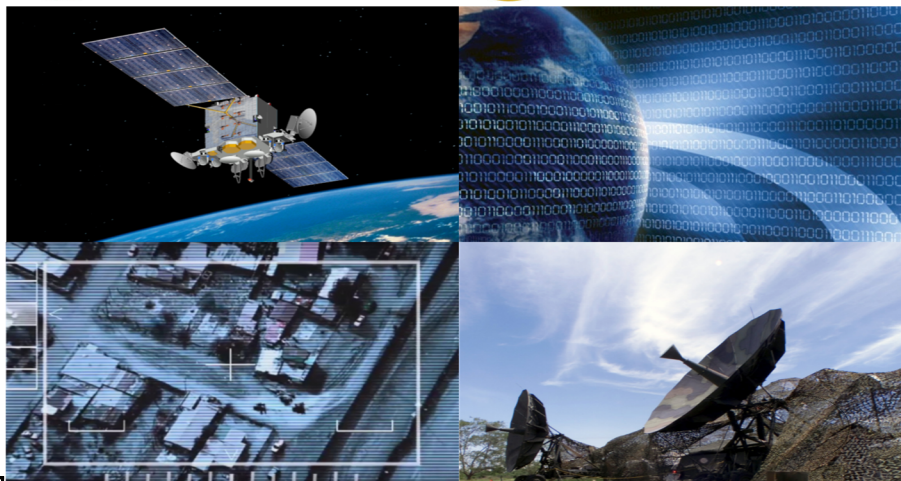
Commander CA Air National Guard

Brigadier General Steven J. Butow

Brig. Gen. Steven J. Butow serves as Commander, California Air National Guard. In this role, he is the primary advisor to The Adjutant General on all programs, strategic planning, and operations affecting the California Air National Guard. He is responsible for the mission readiness and operational effectiveness across a broad spectrum of programs and activities involving five wings and over 4900 military and civilian personnel serving at ten locations within California. In this role, General Butow oversees development of operationally trained, equipped, and mission ready forces in support of national defense requirements and emergency response, relief, and recovery operations throughout California



General Butow received his commission in 1989 from the Academy of Military Sciences, Knoxville, Tennessee, where he was recognized as a distinguished graduate. Upon earning his qualification as a combat rescue pilot, he made more than ten Air Expeditionary Force deployments in support of Operations DESERT STORM, SOUTHERN WATCH, PROVIDE COMFORT II, NORTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. General Butow was selected by Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command as the HC-130 Working Group Chairman at the 2004 Combat Air Forces Weapons and Tactics Conference. He served as Deputy Director of the United States Central Command Joint Search and Rescue Center in 2005, and as the United States Air Forces Central Command Chief of Personnel Recovery in 2007. As the Vice Chief of the Joint Staff for the California Military Department, which leads the second largest state National Guard force in the nation, he shared responsibility for integrating and synchronizing joint forces to protect the state's population of 40 million and the fifth largest economy in the world. General Butow previously served as Special Assistant to the Director, Air National Guard for Headquarters Air Force, Plans, Programs and Requirements.



Outgoing Wing Commander 195th Wing

Colonel Robert M. Sage

Col Sage enlisted in the Air Force in 1982 as a Ground Radio Maintenance Technician. In January 1990, he joined the California Air National Guard, 234th Combat Communications Squadron, Hayward, CA. Where he served as an Electronic Maintenance Technician. As a Combat Communications Officer, he served in several positions including Base Systems Flight Commander, Network Systems Flight Commander, and Chief of Maintenance. When the 234th Combat Communications Squadron transitioned to an Intelligence Squadron, he was the first member to attend Intelligence Officer training. Col Sage served as the first Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Liaison Officer to an Army Division in Iraq and was instrumental in standing up the Mission Planning Cell at DGS-2.



Col Sage served as the first Chairman of the Air National Guard Cyber ISR weapon System Council and as a voting member of the Distributed Ground Station Weapon System Council. He served on the US Space Force ISR Reserve Component Senior Leader Steering Committee and also oversaw the establishment and operational employment of the Intelligence Analysis and Assessment (IAA) Processing Assessment and Dissemination (PAD) Cell for the California National Guard. He spent three years as the Commander of Joint Task Force Joint Reception Staging Onward Movement and Integration, (JTF JRSOI) responsible for all planning and decision making for the movement and integration of forces throughout the State of California in support of Domestic Operations.

Incoming Wing Commander 195th Wing

Colonel Raymond de Jesus

Colonel de Jesus received his commission from the Academy of Military Science at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn., in April 1999. His career in the officer corps began as a Project Engineer, designing copper and fiber network systems for the Engineering Installation Squadron, located in Ohio, Massachusetts, and California. He led expeditionary engineering installation forces, establishing communication systems across Qatar, Iraq, and Afghanistan bases.



Colonel de Jesus was a Research Engineer at the Air Force Research Laboratory at Hanscom AFB, Mass., working on next-generation antenna arrays and wireless systems. He was the Network Systems Flight Commander and Chief of Maintenance for the Combat Communication Squadron, Van Nuys, Calif. He is a graduate of the Advanced Cyber Warfare Training at Hurlburt Field, Fla., and the first Cyberspace Operations Squadron commander to lead the initial Cyber Protection Team in the Air National Guard.

Colonel de Jesus was a research scientist in his civilian capacity, developing disruptive technologies, such as metamaterial, low-temperature plasma, advanced communication, and energy generation for air and space domain applications. Prior to his current position, Colonel de Jesus served as the Commander, 195th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, Beale Air Force Base, California.