

Maj. Gen. Richard S. "Beef" Haddad

Maj. Gen. Richard S. "Beef" Haddad is Vice Commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga. He is responsible for the daily operations of the command, which employs about 76,100 Citizen Airmen and consists of more than 379 aircraft among three numbered air forces, 34 wings, three flying groups and 620 mission support units. Air Force Reserve Command supports the Air Force mission to defend the United States through control and exploitation of air and space by supporting global engagement. AFRC plays an integral role in the day-to-day Air Force mission.

General Haddad was commissioned through the U.S. Air Force Academy and entered active duty in 1981. He has served in a variety of flying and command positions during his career in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve. He has hundreds of hours of combat flying time in operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Desert Storm. The general was in command of the first gunship over Port-au Prince, Haiti, in support of Operation Uphold Democracy. His flying career includes operations throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Central America, South America, Southeast Asia and Southwest Asia. After the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, General Haddad commanded the 711th Special Operations Squadron through operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, during which the unit compiled more than 5,000 combat hours of accident-free flying and was recognized as the most decorated Reserve flying unit.