

MAJOR GENERAL FRANK ALBERT BAILEY

COMMANDER
ARKANSAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD

BIOGRAPHY

Major General Frank A. Bailey is the Commander of the Arkansas Air National Guard. In this position, he has the overall command responsibility for the Air National Guard units in Arkansas. These units and their locations are as follows: Headquarters Arkansas Air National Guard, Little Rock Air Force Base, Jacksonville, Arkansas; the 188th Tac Fighter Gp and eight subordinate units, Fort Smith, Arkansas; the 189th Air Refueling Gp and eight subordinate units, and the 154th Weather Flight, Little Rock Air Force Base, Jacksonville, Arkansas; the 123d Recon Tech Sq, Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas; and the 223d Combat Communications Sq (Contingency), Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Major General Bailey was born in Campbell, Missouri, 20 September 1918. He has been a resident of Little Rock, Arkansas since 1922, and attended Little Rock Public Schools, Little Rock Junior College, and the University of Arkansas. While at the University of Arkansas, he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity and two honor societies, Alpha Kappa Psi and Blue Key. He graduated with honors, and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in June 1940.

Military service began in 1940 for Major General Bailey, when he enlisted as a private in the Arkansas National Guard. In March 1941, he was honorably discharged from the National Guard to become a flying cadet in the U.S. Army Air Corps. After completing his pilot training at Turner Field, Albany, Georgia, Major General Bailey was commissioned a second lieutenant and rated a pilot on 31 October 1941. His World War II service was with the Training Command.

Major General Bailey was discharged from the U.S. Army Air Corps in January of 1946, and joined the Arkansas National Guard in August 1946, as the Officer in Charge of the Utility Flight, 154th Fighter Squadron. Early in the Korean Conflict, the 154th Fighter Squadron was scheduled to be ordered to active duty. In October 1950, Brigadier General Earl T. Ricks, The Adjutant General for Arkansas, and then on active duty as the Chief of the Air Division, National Guard Bureau, selected Major General Bailey to remain at Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas, to supervise the overall operation of the remaining Arkansas Air National Guard units. The 201st Tow Target Flight was organized and trained under Major General Bailey's direction during the early part of 1951 and entered active duty as a flight that same year. The 120th AC&W Sq, Arkansas Air National Guard, was ordered to active duty the latter part of 1951. In October 1950, he was also employed in the full time civilian position, Base Detachment Commander, a position he still holds, but which is now titled, Air Commander (Pilot). His military assignment was changed to Operations and Training Staff Officer, Headquarters Arkansas Air National Guard.

(CURRENT AS OF 15 APRIL 1977)

In January 1954, Major General Bailey was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff, Headquarters Arkansas Air National Guard, and served as Acting Chief of Staff in the absence of Major General Winston P. Wilson, then on active duty with the National Guard Bureau. He became Chief of Staff, Headquarters Arkansas Air National Guard, on 1 January 1960. His current position as Commander of the Arkansas Air National Guard was effective on 6 February 1969.

During these years of leadership by Major General Bailey, the Arkansas Air National Guard has grown from - pre-World War II facilities and equipment - to facilities, equipment, training, posture, and weapons systems that can be favorably compared to USAF standards.

Major General Bailey actively participated in the planning of Exercise Swift Strike in 1961 and, during the Exercise, commanded the 16th Tactical Air Force (Provisional). He served as a member of the Fourteenth Air Force Air Reserve Forces Policy Committee from 1953 to 1955. From 1957 to 1961, he was a member of the Air Reserve Forces Policy Committee at Headquarters USAF. From 1 July 1965 to 30 June 1966, he served as an alternate member of the Tactical Air Command's Air Reserve Forces Policy Council. From July 1966 to June 1970, he served as a member of the Air Reserve Forces Policy Committee, the advisory group on Air Reserve affairs to the Secretary of the Air Force. He served a three-year tour, December 1973 to December 1976, as a member of the Reserve Forces Policy Board which is the principal policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense on matters relating to reserve components.

Major General Bailey, a command pilot since 1956, is currently on flying status, and has accumulated more than 10,700 flying hours in conventional and jet aircraft - single and multi-engine.

Major General Bailey's present civilian employment is Air Technician, Air Commander (Pilot), 189th Air Refueling Gp, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas. He is also a stockholder and President of The Carl Bailey Company, Inc., a retail farm equipment business. His civic affiliations include the American Legion; Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation; Quiet Birdmen; Air Force Association - served as Chairman of the Air National Guard Council and State President; Daedalians; National Guard Association of the United States - served as General Arrangements Chairman for the Ninetieth General Conference, and as Chairman of the Air Affairs Committee; National Guard Association of Arkansas; Kappa Sigma social fraternity; and Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity, a professional and scholastic honor society in business.

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PERSONAL FACT SHEET

A. PERSONAL DATA.

1. BORN - 20 September 1918, Campbell, Missouri; father - Carl E. Bailey (deceased); mother - Margaret Bristol Bailey (deceased).

2. MARRIED - 1 November 1941; wife - Warine Thomas Bailey (deceased); children - Christy Anne and Frank A. Jr.

3. HOMETOWN - Little Rock, Arkansas.

B. EDUCATION.

1. GRADUATE - Little Rock Junior College, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1938.

2. GRADUATE - University of Ark., Fayetteville, Ark., B.S. with honors, 1940.

3. GRADUATE - Flying Schools, Hicks Field, Fort Worth, Texas; Goodfellow Army Air Field, San Angelo, Texas; Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama; and Turner Field, Albany, Georgia, 1941.

4. COMPLETED - Reserve General Officers Orientation Course, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, 1959, 1962, and 1966; AWC Correspondence Program, 1971.

C. SERVICE.

1. OCT 1940 to MAR 1941 - 206th Coast Artillery (AA), Arkansas National Guard, Little Rock, Arkansas.

2. MAR 1941 to OCT 1941 - Army Air Corps Flying Training; Primary - Hicks Field, Fort Worth, Texas; Basic - Goodfellow Army Air Field, San Angelo, Texas; Advanced - Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama, and Turner Field, Albany, Georgia.

3. NOV 1941 to SEP 1942 - Instructor Pilot, Advanced Flying School (Pilot), and later Pilot for the Navigation Training School, Turner Field, Albany, Georgia.

4. SEP 1942 to APR 1945 - Instructor Pilot, Basic and Advanced Flying Schools; Member of the Advisory Training Board, an advisory group to the Director of Flying Training; and Commander of a Pilot Training Squadron, Blytheville Army Air Field, Arkansas.

5. APR 1945 to JUN 1945 - Pilot Pool for Reassignment, Lincoln Army Air Field, Nebraska.

C. SERVICE -- Continued.

6. JUN 1945 to OCT 1945 - B-25 Combat Crew Training, Greenville Army Air Field, South Carolina.
7. OCT 1945 to JAN 1946 - For Separation, Barksdale Army Air Field, Louisiana.
8. AUG 1946 to OCT 1950 - Officer in Charge of Utility Flight, 154th Fighter Squadron, Arkansas National Guard, Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas.
9. OCT 1950 to JAN 1954 - Operations and Training Staff Officer, Headquarters Arkansas Air National Guard, Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas.
10. JAN 1954 to DEC 1959 - Deputy Chief of Staff, Headquarters Arkansas Air National Guard, Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas.
11. JAN 1960 to FEB 1969 - Chief of Staff, Headquarters Arkansas Air National Guard, Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas. In October 1962, this organization moved into new facilities at Little Rock Air Force Base, Jacksonville, Arkansas.
12. FEB 1969 to PRESENT - Commander, Arkansas Air National Guard, Little Rock Air Force Base, Jacksonville, Arkansas.

D. DECORATIONS AND SERVICE AWARDS.

American Defense Service Medal	American Campaign Medal
World War II Victory Medal	Armed Forces Reserve Medal 2/Hourglass Devices
Air Force Longevity Service Award	Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Meritorious Service Medal	National Defense Service Medal
	<i>Distinguished Service Medal (A.F.)</i>

E. EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS.

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TEMPORARY</u>	<u>PERMANENT</u>	<u>COMPONENT</u>
2d Lt		31 Oct-1941	U.S. Army Air Corps
1st Lt	3 Jul 1942		U.S. Army Air Corps
Captain	20 Feb 1943		U.S. Army Air Corps
Major	27 May 1944		U.S. Army Air Corps
Captain		24 Aug 1946	Arkansas National Guard
Major		14 Dec 1950	Arkansas Air National Guard
Lt Col		4 Apr 1951	Arkansas Air National Guard
Colonel		5 Apr 1954	Arkansas Air National Guard
Brig Gen		29 Oct 1957	Arkansas Air National Guard
Maj Gen		12 Jun 1970	Arkansas Air National Guard

(Date of Rank - 12 Jun 1970)