



Eagle Express

Eighteenth Air Force Commander shares intent for 2013

To the Airmen of our great global mobility enterprise: thank you! We have asked a great deal from you and your families this year. Through it all you have been the model for operational excellence and allowed our Nation to accomplish some amazing things across the globe. You are, without a doubt, essential members of the world's finest joint team and as your commander, I am extremely proud of you!

Although I don't have a "crystal ball", I have no doubt our capabilities will remain in high demand in 2013. At the same time, we will undoubtedly face new challenges in terms of resources, modernization and force structure as well as the usual array of manmade and natural crises to which we always stand ready to respond. I know we will be successful thanks to our greatest resource: bold, innovative, risk-taking Airmen.

Be bold! Don't be afraid to take intelligent risks to make things better. Be innovative! Help us find unique solutions to problems before they become problems. But most of all, give our Air Force what it needs the most ... strong leadership!



Lt. Gen. Darren McDew

Meet the new Eighteenth Air Force Command Chief

Chief Master Sergeant Victoria Gamble is the incoming Command Chief Master Sergeant for 18th Air Force, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. As the Command Chief, she will serve as the primary advisor to the commander on matters concerning the mission effectiveness, readiness, training, health, welfare and morale of the total force personnel assigned to the command's 11 wings, the 618th Tanker Airlift Control Center, and two stand-alone groups.

Chief Gamble grew up in McRae, Ga., and is a 1985 honor graduate of Wheeler County High School. She entered the Air Force in July 1985. She has a diversified background in aircraft maintenance having worked on six different aircraft to include the F-4, F-16, F-5, A-10, B-52 and KC-135. Prior to her upcoming assignment, she was the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 6th Air Mobility Wing at MacDill Air Force Base.



**Chief Master Sgt.
Victoria Gamble**

Richard L. Howard

"Deliver!"

