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Lieutenant General Bishop retired from active duty in August 2008 after 34 years of service in the United States Air Force. His last assignment was as Commander, 3rd Air Force, United States Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany, where he oversaw all American air and space activities in the 93 countries in Europe and Africa. Additionally, he was responsible for the organizing, training and equipping of nearly 30 thousand airmen assigned to the 10 different Air Force Wings under his command throughout Europe. Following many and varied operational flying assignments early in his career in which he served as an aircraft commander, instructor pilot and flight examiner in various mobility and training aircraft, General Bishop held many key positions throughout the United States Air Force where he commanded airmen at every operational level including two Squadrons, an Operations Group, an Airlift Wing, a Numbered Air Force and Air Command, Europe while also completing numerous strategic Air Force and Joint assignments throughout the Department of Defense.

After group command in the 437th Airlift Wing (AW) during the fielding of the C-17 Globemaster III and serving as the Deputy Director of Operations for the United States Transportation Command, General Bishop was promoted to Brigadier General and assigned again to Charleston AFB as the Wing Commander of the 437th AW, while simultaneously serving as the Director of Mobility Forces for Africa and Europe.

Subsequently, he was assigned to HQ USAF in the Pentagon as the Deputy Director for Operations and Training. Following his tour at the Pentagon, General Bishop was assigned as the Director of Planning and Policy at US SOUTHERN Command, Miami, FL, and then promoted to Major General as the Deputy Combatant Commander, assisting in the oversight of all US military activities in the 32 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Next, Gen Bishop was assigned back at the Pentagon as the Deputy Director of Air Force Operations with the responsibility of organizing, training and equipping airmen for worldwide air and space operations.

Finally, General Bishop was promoted to Lieutenant General and assigned as Vice Commander, United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Commander, Europe before retiring as Commander, 3rd Air Force.

General Bishop has a BS degree in Engineering Management from the USAF Academy, an MS degree from the University of Southern California in Systems Management and two Masters Degrees in National Security Studies from the Naval War College and the National War College. His overseas operational/combat experience includes DESERT STORM, Somalia, Bosnia, Kosovo, (Air War over Serbia in which he served as the DIRMFOR) and Haiti. During the 2 years immediately following retirement, General Bishop served as a Senior Mentor to the United States Air Force. He has been is a consultant to EADs and a Senior Advisor to National Airlines. He has also served on the National Air Cargo Holdings, Inc. Board of Directors and other boards.