



Headquarters Command

HHEADQUARTERS Command (HEDCOM) continues to support Hq. USAF and special activities and field extensions in more than 600 locations around the world. With headquarters at historic Bolling AFB, D.C., it is also the USAF host command and "housekeeper" in the area of the nation's capital.

One wing, the 1001st Air Base Wing, operates near by Andrews AFB, Md., one of the nation's busiest air bases. Fixed-wing aircraft were moved from Bolling AFB to Andrews two years ago, with some helicopter operations remaining at Bolling. At Andrews AFB the command provides aircraft for and supervises Air Force administrative and combat-readiness flying for the Washington area. Andrews AFB is the home base of Air Force One, President Johnson's aircraft, and the aerial port of arrival and departure for most distinguished official visitors to Washington. The Malcolm Grow USAF Clinical Center at Andrews is one of the major military hospitals in the nation. Headquarters of AFSC is a tenant at Andrews AFB while its Research and Technology Division is at Bolling AFB.

The command's other wing, the 1100th Air Base Wing, operates forty-six-year-old Bolling AFB and also supports USAF personnel in diverse worldwide activities such as FAA, NASA, DSA, MAAGs, Mis-



Maj. Gen. Brooke E. Allen has been Commander of HEDCOM since 1959. Commissioned in 1934, he was at Hickam Field during the December 7, 1941, attack and flew the war's first heavy-bomber combat mission that day. He served in the Pacific during the war and afterward held a number of operational and staff posts before his present assignment.

sions, Air Attaché offices, and NATO, and other unified commands and organizations. Units of Hq. USAF, SAC, OAR, AFSC, and AFCS are also based at Bolling, and future plans for the base call for even greater expansion.

HEDCOM was assigned full control of the USAF Band on September 1, 1963. Based at Bolling AFB, USAF Band components now include the USAF Symphony Orchestra, "The Strolling Strings," "The Singing Sergeants," the USAF Bagpipe Band, and the USAF Dance Orchestra. The famous USAF Ceremonial Unit is also based at Bolling.

The 1100th Support Group, at Bolling AFB, furnishes accounting and finance support to Hq. USAF and all other USAF units in the Washington area, in addition to providing comptroller support for HEDCOM.

The assassination of President Kennedy focused international attention on Andrews AFB. The role of the command in the arrival of his body, and in his state funeral, was to ensure that no detail was overlooked in these events of universal concern.

HEDCOM continued its pioneering work with retired USAF personnel and sponsored preretirement job briefings, luncheons, and dinners. The quarterly luncheons for retired officers attracted increasing numbers. In October 1963 the command sponsored a dinner at Bolling AFB for retired NCOs with a
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HEDCOM runs Andrews AFB, Md., the presidential airport. Here, the President and First Lady are escorted on flight line by base commander, Brig. Gen. Clair L. Wood.



briefing program which was enthusiastically received.

The total hours flown by HEDCOM in 1963 were 114,485. Flying safety rate for the command was .9 per 100,000 hours flown. For the third consecutive year, Bolling AFB won the National Safety Council's Award of Honor for its ground-safety record.

Maj. Gen. Brooke E. Allen is Commander, Headquarters Command, USAF, and Col. Maurice R. Lemon is Vice Commander. Brig. Gen. Clair L. Wood is Commander of Andrews AFB, while Col. Frank E. Marek commands Bolling AFB. Brig. Gen. Archie A. Hoffman is Commander of the USAF Hospital at Andrews AFB, and Commander of the 1100th Support Group at Bolling AFB is Col. Richard D. Vitek.—END



HEDCOM's famous Air Force Symphony Orchestra has delighted thousands of Washingtonians and visitors to the nation's capital with its concerts on the Capitol lawn.