

Reserve leaders visit the Rock for troop call

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The top reservists in the Air Force visited the Rock Aug. 30, and praised their citizen Airmen for the work they're doing here in the AOR.

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command, and Chief Master Sgt. Jackson Winsett, command chief master sergeant of Air Force Reserve Command, talked about current reserve issues, possible changes within the command and answered questions from active duty, guard and reserve Airmen during a troop call.

"I appreciate what you're doing here and I wanted to come and thank you," said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve Command. "I'm proud of what you're doing to fight the Global War on Terror."

The reserve leaders were on a tour of the AOR and were visiting their third country of the day. A 39-year veteran of the Air Force, General Bradley said he was impressed with all Airmen across the board and is amazed at the changes he has seen throughout his years wearing blue.

"I've learned a lot this week talking to Airmen," he said.



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Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command, talks to Airmen during a troop call Aug. 30.

"You guys are better trained and equipped than ever before and you should all be proud of what you're doing because every job you do is part of the overall mission. We couldn't do what we do without every piece contributing."

The general talked about a few reserve issues that had been brought up to him while on his trip and promised to look into them.

"A lot of you have told me that if we would send over larger portions of your units, more of you would be willing to volunteer and stay longer, and that's certainly something we'll look at," General

Bradley said. "We've signed up to support a certain amount of the mission and I want to do that plus more to help our Air Force."

The command pilot also talked about the new Air Force Reserve vision – One Air Force, Same Fight – and how he thinks it's really spot on.

"(The vision) really means a lot to me and it's not just some words put together," General Bradley said. "That's what we're all about, we're one Air Force and as reservists we want to be unrivaled wingmen and the best we can be."

General Bradley and Chief Winsett finished their visit by

fielding questions from those in attendance. They once again thanked everyone for the dedication and the deployed were glad they stopped by.

"I thought it to be an awesome show of support and leadership to both the reservist that serve and to the active component commands supported by reservist," said Maj. Dusty Pearson, 386th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron's Aerial Port Flight commander, and reservist with the 96th Aerial Port Squadron at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. "Everyone I spoke to afterwards really enjoyed his brief and the time he offered to answer uncensored questions about what is going on in the Air Force Reserves today."

"I appreciated the General and his staff stopping by," said Tech. Sgt. Reynolds, 386th Expeditionary Services Squadron and reservist deployed from the 919th Special Operations Wing at Duke Field, Fla. "Each of my previous two deployments I've attended these meetings, they are needed and it helps create a sounding board for issues that we have affecting reservists who have volunteered to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom."