

# Defense budget faces lean years ahead

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio (AFLCNS)—The Air Force Logistics Command of the 1990s will be much different from the AFLC of today.

Gen. Charles C. McDonald, AFLC commander, announced today the command will undergo a major

realignment to further streamline its operations. Revamped organizational structure will eliminate or consolidate many redundant mid-level offices. The result will be an AFLC that will help the Department of Defense reach its goal of saving \$39 billion in acquisition management, logistics, distribution and related maintenance activities over the next five years, as called for by Defense Secretary Richard

Cheney's Defense Management Report.

General McDonald emphasized that while the streamlining effort, already under way, is at the center of the command's response to the Defense Management Report, it is an initiative whose time has come. "This restructuring is the culmination of efforts that have been ongoing in AFLC for some

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## Test

### Hill selected as site for landfill cap test

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New concepts in the designs of landfill caps are being tested at Hill AFB.

The base has been selected as a test site to continue research and development through the Air Force's Installation Restoration Program.

Los Alamos Laboratory was selected by the Air Force Engineering and Services Center, Tyndall AFB, Fla., to construct and monitor the research project at Hill.

Hill was selected because of the climate. The major source of moisture comes from the winter snow melt, making this area unique to the study. Previous studies were conducted in Los Alamos, N.M., where precipitation occurs primarily in the summer.

The site, north of Hill's Hubbard Golf Course, was selected because it is near abandoned landfill No. 4.

Kenneth Bostick, Los Alamos coordinator, said this project involves four projects in one to evaluate the most efficient, cost-effective method of controlling surface and subsurface water.

The site consists of four plots and a control center.

One plot is designed to meet Environmental Protection Agency guidance which is based on a hydro-



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#### Dig it

A contract backhoe operator begins excavation in August 1989 on a site north of Hill AFB's golf course. The site will be used to test new designs in landfill caps.

logical barrier. A second plot, designed with a simple clay cap (the design typically used prior to 1976, but which is no longer allowed), is used as a control.

The other two plots are designed with capillary barriers which hold the water in the soil until plants transport it back to the atmosphere.

Groundbreaking at the site began

in August 1989 with final work at the site completed in November.

Research at the site will be ongoing until 1991. At that time the engineering services center and the laboratory will decide whether or not to continue with the project.

Excavation and construction support was contracted with local businesses.

## Gen. Hopp peers into Hill future

by Donna Brown  
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Members of the Layton Chamber of Commerce gathered last week to take a look into the cloudy crystal ball of Ogden Air Logistics Center.

Maj. Gen. James W. Hopp, Ogden ALC commander, presented his state-of-the-ALC address to the chamber last Friday.

"This is probably the most dramatic period of time that any of us has ever seen in our lives," the general told the business men and women. "It is a turbulent and unsettling time."

The commander said the future is both encouraging and challenging. He said it is most important the nation act "prudently and cautiously" in scaling back the military to ensure the U.S. retains the capability to meet the threats of a still hostile world.

He said as world tensions start to relax and the defense budget tightens, the Air Force will continue to find ways to become more efficient.

This fiscal year the Air Force faced significant cutbacks in its overall budget.

Although the first quarter of the fiscal year is over, the general said he is still not sure of his exact budget authority.

Congress was delayed this year in passing the appropriations bill to authorize funds. Air Force Headquarters has reviewed the bill and the Air

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## Court martial: Sergeant guilty of larceny

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A Hill AFB sergeant has been confined, will forfeit pay and then receive a bad conduct discharge for stealing money from an office fund, said Hill's staff judge advocate.

Sgt. Richard E. Waltrip, Jr., who will be reduced to the rank of airman basic, was sentenced to be confined for three months, to forfeit \$100 per month for three months and then to be discharged from the Air Force, said Col. John Brancato, Hill staff judge advocate.

In a Dec. 16 court-martial, judge Lt. Col. Michael

Kilroy found the sergeant guilty as charged of larceny despite a plea of not guilty with an admission that he took the money but intended to pay it back.

Sergeant Waltrip was convicted of stealing \$1,000 from the graduation banquet fund of the Air Force Logistics Command Noncommissioned Officers' Professional Military Education Center at Hill.

He was an administrative specialist for the school and in charge of the fund.

He waived his right to a jury.

"He took the money in \$20, \$30 and \$50 increments over an 18-month period," prosecutor, Capt. Daryl Belltor, said. Sergeant Waltrip made restitu-

tion of \$1,000 to the NCO PME Center by cashier's check at the trial.

Captain Bell said immediately after sentencing the sergeant requested that his confinement be postponed for two weeks. He had planned to be married Dec. 30 in Missouri. Permission was denied by the convening authority, Col. William R. Rahter, commander of the 2849th Air Base Group.

"We hope that anybody who has the urge to dip into the sunshine or the flower fund will pause and remember that this is a crime and can be cause for stiff punishment, as has been demonstrated in this case," Captain Bell said.

The case is pending review by Colonel Rahter.

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