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[19th Air Force change of command ceremony](#)

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas – The change of command ceremony of the 19th Air Force commander will be held Tuesday, March 28, 9 a.m., at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph's Hangar 5.

[Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Doherty](#) will take command from [Maj. Gen. James B. Hecker](#), becoming the second 19th AF commander since the reactivation of the numbered Air Force, Oct. 1, 2014.

Previously, Doherty was commander of 82nd Training Wing at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Doherty has flown the F-15 Strike Eagle, T-38 Talon, and the B-52 Stratofortress, amassing over 3,800 hours in the air. He was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program at Iowa State University in 1987.

19th Air Force is responsible for the training of world-class aircrews, air battle managers, weapons directors, Air Force Academy Airmanship programs, and survival, escape, resistance, and evasion to sustain the combat capability of the U.S. Air Force.

The numbered Air Force includes 19 training locations, with 16 total force wings: 10 active duty, one Air Force Reserve, and five Air National Guard units. It commands more than 30,000 personnel and operates over 1,350 aircraft of 29 different models, flying more than 490,000 hours annually, which is 44 percent of the Air Force total flying hours.

Media interested in attending the ceremony scheduled for March 28, 9 a.m., should contact AETC Public Affairs at (210) 652-4400 or aetc.pao@us.af.mil, no later than Monday, March 27, 4:30 p.m. Please arrive at the main gate visitor's center (Pat Booker Road and FM 78), no later than 8:30 a.m. Media will be escorted from the visitor's center to the ceremony location.

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