



Beale AFB – Base Commander



Colonel Geoffrey I. Church is the Installation Commander and the 9th Reconnaissance Wing Commander, Beale Air Force Base, California. He is responsible for approximately 7,000 military, civilian, and contractor personnel, and the entire Air Force high altitude reconnaissance fleet of U-2 Dragon Lady aircraft. The 9th Reconnaissance Wing is comprised of four groups and four overseas operating locations, executing worldwide missions in support of all six geographic combatant commanders.

Colonel Church received his commission from the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Kentucky in December 1998. He has served in a variety of positions at the squadron, group, and wing levels. His notable staff tours include Executive Assistant to the Joint Staff J-3, Director for Operations. He also served as the Secretary of Defense Orders Book briefer, where he was the primary briefer to the Secretary of Defense for deployment and execute orders in support of combatant command requirements. Colonel Church is a command pilot with over 1,700 hours in F-15C/D, F-22, MQ-9, RQ-4, T-37 and T-38 aircraft. Prior to his current position, he was the Headquarters Air Force Division Chief for the F-35 integration office for Headquarters Air Force.



Proclamation

of the City Council

75th Anniversary of the US Air Force 80th Anniversary of Beale Air Force Base also known as Camp Beale

WHEREAS, for 75 years, American Airmen have excelled as they execute the Air Force mission to fly, fight, and win — delivering airpower anytime, anywhere in defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Airmen are called to “Innovate, Accelerate and Thrive” as the U.S. Air Force and Department of the Air Force approach their 75th anniversaries on September 18, 2022. Airmen will always be there to provide America with the airpower it needs to defend the nation, deter or defeat our adversaries, reassure our partners and allies, and help diplomacy proceed from a position of strength; and

WHEREAS, Airmen continue to push technological and cultural boundaries which make America the leader in airpower and space power. Innovation is an integral part of training and employing squadrons, developing capabilities, and continue to move toward an even more effective Air Force; and

WHEREAS, from the inception 75 years ago, the U.S. Air Force and Department of the Air Force have excelled at keeping pace with rapid changes in technology and in the demands placed on the Air Force’s five core missions: Air and Space Superiority; Global Strike; Rapid Global Mobility; Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance; and Command & Control; and

WHEREAS, Camp Beale opened in October 1942 as a training site for the 13th Armored and the 81st and 96th Infantry Divisions; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, Camp Beale transferred from the Army to the Air Force and today Beale Air Force Base is home for the U-2 Dragon Lady, T-38 Talon and RQ-4 Global Hawk. Beale Air Force base, covers nearly 23,000 acres, is home to more than 4,500 military personnel. Beale AFB continues to support the Yuba Sutter area by shopping, residing and participating in the local community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dave Shaw, Mayor of the City of Yuba City and on behalf of our entire City Council, do hereby recognize the upcoming 75th anniversary of the US Air Force and the 80th Anniversary of Beale Air Force Base and their contributions to the Yuba Sutter Community.

Done this 5th day of July 2022, at the City of Yuba City, County of Sutter, State of California.