



aircraft. He served as chief of maintenance, 2d Bombardment Wing, from June 1955 to October 1955.

From October 1955 to June 1960, he was assigned to the Control Division, Directorate of Operations, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, where he was project officer for development of the SAC Command and Control System.

General McKee received a bachelor of arts degree in education from the University of Omaha, Neb., in 1958.

In August 1960 he was assigned as vice commander, 3974th Combat Support Group, Zaragoza Air Base, Spain, and in May 1962, became commander of the group.

After attending the Industrial College of the Armed Forces during 1963-1964, he underwent B-52 aircraft transition training at Castle Air Force Base, Calif. In October 1964 he was assigned as deputy commander for maintenance, 97th Bombardment Wing, Blytheville Air Force Base, Ark. In April 1965 he was transferred to Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., to assume command of the 319th Bombardment Wing. In June 1966 he returned to Blytheville Air Force Base as commander of the 97th Bombardment Wing. In July 1967 he transferred to Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, as commander of the 72d Bombardment Wing.

In July 1968 he received an assignment as commander of the 19th Air Division, Carswell Air Force Base, Texas.

In June 1970 General McKee was assigned as director of maintenance engineering in the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff, Systems and Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

General McKee assumed duties as deputy chief of staff for logistics, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., in October 1972. In this position, he was responsible for aircraft and missile maintenance, procurement, supply and services, transportation, munitions, logistics plans, and logistics analysis throughout Strategic Air Command. He became SAC chief of staff in April 1973. In this position, he was responsible for headquarters staff supervision and for monitoring the implementation of the decisions and policies of the commander in chief.

On Oct. 1, 1973, General McKee assumed command of Eighth Air Force with responsibilities for SAC operations in the Western Pacific and Southeast Asia areas.

General McKee became commander of the Air Training Command with headquarters at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, in September 1974.

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters. A command pilot, General McKee has more than 8,000 flying hours to his credit. He has flown numerous types of aircraft but most of his flying time is in B-17, B-29, B-50, B-47, B-52 and KC-135 aircraft.

General McKee's hometown is Lakeland, Fla.

He was promoted to the grade of lieutenant general effective Oct. 1, 1973, with date of rank Sept. 29, 1973.

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