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United States Air Force
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF RETIREMENT. 1. Announcement is made of the retirement of COLONEL CHARLES H MACDONALD, 1830A, Headquarters 25 Air Division (SAGE), McChord Air Force Base, Washington, effective 31 July 1961, after 23 years, one month and two days of active military service.

2. Colonel MacDonald was born 3 November 1915 in DuBois, Pennsylvania. He attended Louisiana State University and received his B.A. in 1938. Colonel MacDonald enlisted in the USNR in June 1933 and on 29 June 1938 entered pilot training as an aviation cadet, receiving his commission 26 May 1939. During his service Colonel MacDonald has been assigned overseas in Hawaii, the Southwest Pacific and in Sweden.

3. Colonel MacDonald has an impressive combat record, having served in the Central Pacific, New Guinea, Bismark Archipelago, Philippine Islands, China, North Solomons and the Western Pacific during World War II. Colonel MacDonald is credited with 204 aerial missions, 688 combat hours in the Asiatic-Pacific theater and a total of 27 Japanese planes confirmed destroyed.

4. The following decorations and awards have been received by Colonel MacDonald:

- Distinguished Service Cross (1/OLC)
- Silver Star (1/OLC)
- Legion of Merit
- Distinguished Flying Cross (5/OLC)
- Air Medal (10/OLC)
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Army Commendation Ribbon
- Distinguished Unit Badge
- American Defense Service Medal
- American Campaign Medal
- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
- World War II Victory Medal

National Defense Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Service Award (4/OLC)
Philippine Independence Ribbon

5. Colonel MacDonald has been assigned to McChord Air Force Base since August of 1959 when he was assigned as Vice Commander, Headquarters 25 Air Division (SAGE). He assumed the duties of Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations on 23 August 1960 and has been in that position to the present time.

6. Throughout his service Colonel MacDonald has performed in an outstanding manner, exercising sound judgment and professional ability. His standards of leadership have provided an excellent example for those who have worked with him.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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