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BRIGADIER GENERAL ALVAH S. MATTOX, JR.
Virginia Air National Guard

Brigadier General Alvah (Al) S. Mattox, Jr. is the deputy adjutant general for Air, Headquarters, Virginia Air National Guard. As the senior Air National Guard commander, he serves as the principle advisor to the adjutant general on all Virginia Air National Guard matters.

General Mattox was born on Oct. 17, 1933, in Richmond, Va. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, Staunton, Va., in 1950. Upon graduation from Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., in 1954, he received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and his commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He completed the Air Defense Command Controllers School, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., 1956; Air Command and Staff College, 1971; Industrial College of the Armed Forces, 1973; and attended the Battle Staff Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla., in 1978.



The general began his military career as a pilot trainee at Greenville Air Force Base, Miss., where he earned his pilot wings in December 1955. After attending Controllers School in June 1956, he was assigned as a ground-control intercept controller at radar stations at Roanoke Rapids Air Force Station, N.C., and the 647th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Va. In September 1957 he was released from active duty and joined the Air Force Reserve. General Mattox was assigned as a weapons controller for the Eastern Air Defense Force and Boston Air Defense Sector, Fort Lee, Va., from March 1958 to September 1959.

In April 1960 he left the Air Force Reserve and joined the Virginia Air National Guard at Byrd Field, Sandston, Va. The general served alternately as a pilot and flight commander with the 149th Tactical Fighter Squadron and operational staff officer for the 192nd Tactical Fighter Group until October 1972. In 1961 he was activated for one year during the Berlin Crisis. In 1968 he deployed to Larissa, Greece, with the 149th Tactical Fighter Squadron for Exercise Deep Furrow. In January 1972 General Mattox was

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the 192nd Tactical Fighter Groups Air Operations Officer. He then served as the mission operations officer for Coronet Fife, deploying with the Group and its F-105s to Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England. In January 1976 he was assigned as the deputy commander for operations, 192nd Tactical Fighter Group, and in 1978, as director of operations at State Headquarters, Virginia Air National Guard. In January 1980 he took command of the 192nd Tactical Fighter Group and in December 1981, he assumed the position of chief of staff, Headquarters, Virginia Air National Guard. He was appointed to his present position of deputy adjutant general for Air on May 9, 1987.

The general is a command pilot with more than 14,000 flying hours in the T-33, F-84, T-105, A-7 and B-727 aircraft. His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Readiness Medal with five silver oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with five oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one hourglass device and the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon.

In civilian life, General Mattox is a Boeing 727 pilot (captain) with American Airlines, based at Washington National Airport, District of Columbia. He also represents American Airline pilots in airline industry and Federal Aviation Agency sponsored programs related to airline safety, improvement of all-weather flying operations and evaluation of new flying equipment.

The general's civic affiliations include the Air Force Association and the National Guard Associations of the United States and Virginia.

General Mattox was promoted to brigadier general and federally recognized on Dec. 16, 1982.

Th general, who lives in Weyers Cave, Va., has two daughters: Mary Sue McAllister and Dorothy Rhodes Baxley.