

COMMANDERS OF MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE (1939-2026)

1. <i>Lt Col Lynwood B. Jacobs</i>	<i>8 Sep 1939 – 18 Mar 1940</i>
2. <i>Lt Col Harry H. Young</i>	<i>18 Mar 1940 – 17 May 1940</i>
3. *Col Clarence L. Tinker	17 May 1940 – 13 Aug 1941
4. Brig Gen Follett Bradley	13 Aug 1941 – 21 Aug 1941
5. Col Harry H. Young	21 Aug 1941 – 30 May 1942
6. Col Thomas S. Voss	30 May 1942 – 10 Oct 1943
7. Col James B. Carroll	10 Oct 1943 – 29 May 1945
8. Col Edwin G. Simenson	29 May 1945 – 29 Oct 1945
9. Brig Gen Joseph H. Atkinson	29 Oct 1945 – 20 Jan 1946
10. Col George P. Tourtellot	20 Jan 1946 – 7 Oct 1946
11. Brig Gen Donald Hutchinson	7 Oct 1946 – 28 Mar 1949
12. Brig Gen James E. Briggs	28 Mar 1949 – c. Jul 1950
13. Col Thayer S. Olds	Jul 1950 – 10 Feb 1951
14. Col Jean R. Byerly	10 Feb 1951 – 11 Jun 1951
15. Col Robert E. Kimmel	11 Jun 1951 – 13 Aug 1951
16. Col Brintnall H. Merchant	13 Aug 1951 – 31 Aug 1954
17. Lt Col B. Hoynes	31 Aug 1954 – 1 Oct 1954
18. Col Brintnall H. Merchant	1 Oct 1954 – 1 Aug 1955
19. Col Robert H. Strauss	1 Aug 1955 – 10 Dec 1956
20. Col Irvine H. Shearer	10 Dec 1956 – 25 Mar 1957
21. Col Charles B. Tyler, Jr.	25 Mar 1957 – 1 Jul 1957
22. Col Gilmer E. Walker, Jr	1 Jul 1957 – 1 Sep 1958
23. Col Louis L. Leibel	Sep 1958 – 28 Oct 1958
24. Col Gilmer E. Walker, Jr	28 Oct 1958 – 14 Nov 1958
25. Col Louis L. Leibel	14 Nov 1958 – 11 Aug 1959
26. Col Wayne S. Connors	11 Aug 1959 – 7 Sept 1962
27. Col Joseph M. Martin	12 Nov 1962 – 11 May 1965
28. Lt Col Francis D. Hessey	11 May 1965 – 15 Jul 1965
29. Col William M. Wilson	15 Jul 1965 – 16 Jul 1968
30. Col Harold G. Fulmer	16 Jul 1968 – 15 Apr 1970
31. Col Harold E. Grant	15 Apr 1970 – 28 Apr 1972
32. Col Charles D. Schwalier	28 Apr 1972 – 23 Jul 1974
33. Col David G. Harston	23 Jul 1974 – 25 Aug 1975
34. Col William E. Adams	25 Aug 1975 – 24 Mar 1978
35. Col Richard D. Westcott	24 Mar 1978 – 1 Mar 1979
36. Col George E. Wehling	1 Mar 1979 – 7 Jul 1979
37. Col Henry D. Canterbury	7 July 1979 – 27 Feb 1981
38. Col Milton A. Steadman	27 Feb 1981 – 15 Jan 1982

39. Col Henry Viccellio, Jr	15 Jan 1982 – 4 Mar 1983
40. Col Ronald R. Fogleman	4 Mar 1983 – 29 Aug 1984
41. Col Jimmie L. Cash	29 Aug 1984 – 6 Feb 1986
42. Col Joseph W. Ralston	6 Feb 1986 – 27 Feb 1987
43. Brig Gen James L. Jamerson	27 Feb 1987 – 18 Jan 1989
44. Brig Gen Ben Nelson, Jr.	18 Jan 1989 – 2 Sep 1992
45. Brig Gen Marvin R. Esmond	2 Sep 1992 – 19 Aug 1993
46. Col Charles T. Ohlinger III	19 Aug 1993 – 28 Jun 1996
47. Brig Gen John D. Becker	28 Jun 1996 – 21 Nov 1997
48. Brig Gen James N. Soligan	21 Nov 1997 – 30 Jun 1999
49. Brig Gen Arthur F. Diehl III	30 Jun 1999 – 1 Aug 2001
50. Maj Gen Wayne W. Hodges	1 Aug 2001 – 10 Jan 2003
51. Brig Gen David M. Snyder	10 Jan 2003 – 3 Feb 2005
52. Col Margaret H. Woodward	3 Feb 2005 – 26 Mar 2007
53. Col Robert D. Thomas	26 Mar 2007 – 8 Sept 2008
54. Col Lawrence M. Martin, Jr.	8 Sept 2008 – 9 Jul 2010
55. Col Lenny J. Richoux	9 Jul 2010 – 27 Jul 2012
56. Col Scott V. DeThomas	27 Jul 2012 – 8 Aug 2014
57. Col Daniel H. Tulley	8 Aug 2014 – 07 Jul 2016
58. Col April D. Vogel	08 Jul 2016 – 28 Jun 2018
59. Col Stephen P. Snelson	29 Jun 2018 – 19 May 2020
60. Col Benjamin S. Robins	20 May 2020 – 03 Aug 2020
61. Col Benjamin R. Jonsson	04 Aug 2020 – 28 Jul 2022
62. Col Adam D. Bingham	29 Jul 2022 – 02 Aug 2024
63. Col Edward V. Szczepanik	02 Aug 2024 – 10 Jul 2026
64. Col Kevin H. Eley	10 Jul 2026 – Present

*Denotes first official base commander when base achieved minimum crew complement and initial operational capability as recognized on Dedication Day 16 Apr 1941.