

LTCOLONEL WAYNE A. GREEN

Commander

1 June 1990 to Present

LtColonel Green went on active duty, November 1969, in Communications Electronics School at Keesler AFB, Mississippi. After graduation in August 1970, he was assigned as Communications Electronics Officer with the 11th ARS, Altus AFB, Oklahoma and from June to November 1972 the 11 ARS was mobilized to Taklhi, Thailand in support of Bulletshot.

In February 1974, he was commissioned into the Oregon Air National Guard and assigned to the 153rd Tactical Air Control Center as Chief of Communications Operations.

In March 1979, he was assigned to the 116th Tactical Control Squadron as Communications Operations Officer.

Lt Colonel Green was Commander of the 142 Communications Flight, 1984-1988.

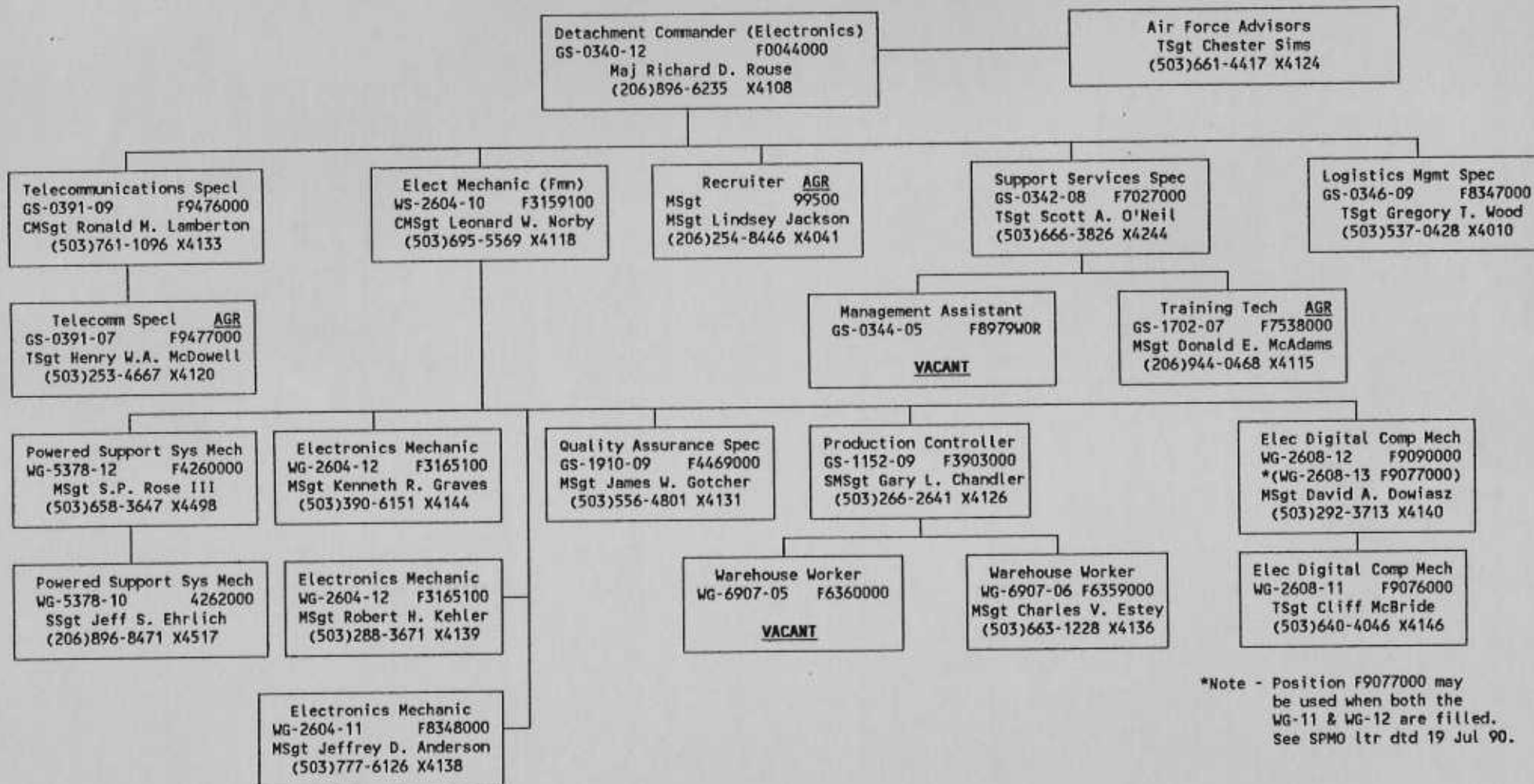
From March 1988 to December 1989, he was assigned to the 272nd Combat Communications Squadron as Chief of Operations.

In January 1990, he was assigned to the 244th Combat Communications Squadron as Chief of Operations and on 1 June 1990, he was assigned as the Commander of the 244th Combat Communications Squadron and is presently serving in that position.

244 CCSQ Air Technician Organization Chart and Alert System

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Hail to the chief

CMSgt. Len Norby, 244th Combat Communications Squadron, and Oregon's Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Gene A. Katke, surprise new CMSgt. Charlotte Brown with an impromptu pinning ceremony in Columbus, Ohio.

Brown becomes Oregon's first female chief

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Four years ago, Senior Master Sgt. Charlotte Brown set a standard for female NCOs in the Oregon Air National Guard (ORANG) and became the first in the state promoted to the rank of E-8. On Aug. 21, Brown was at the front of the line once more.

It was during a group photo session at a meeting of the Enlisted Association of the Air National Guard at Columbus, Ohio, that she was surprised by Oregon's Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Gene A. Katke and CMSgt. Len Norby performed the impromptu pinning ceremony thus promoting Brown as the ORANG's first female chief master sergeant.

Katke expressed his pride in having a hand in the historic ceremony: "This is a real milestone and a proud moment for the entire Oregon Air Guard," he said to Brown. "It is a first. By reaching the enlisted rank pinnacle, it shows the way for others to follow your lead."

"I was surprised and honored at the same time," Brown said afterwards. "Anytime you're the first, there is scrutiny. I have the challenge of my military life ahead of me."

Challenge indeed. With Brown's new rank comes new responsibilities at Headquarters, ORANG. As the Headquarters' new human resource manager, she is also the chair of the State Enlisted Force Council.

Since her promotion, Brown is already spending more time with people issues at the Portland Air Base. She feels it's an investment of time to be able to do a better job for others. "Some of it is occasionally my own time, but I don't mind."

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Brown is already being called a role model for other female Air Guard members. It's recognition she appreciates and readily accepts.

"It's hard to believe someone sees me as anyone's role model because I have faults like anyone else, but if my promotion to chief inspires other women to work harder and be more mission oriented, caring Guard members, then I can accept the role model label."

Response from other states has also been gratifying Brown said. With less than 40 female chief master sergeants in the entire Air National Guard, she is easily noticed. "People I don't know have congratulated me and expressed their happiness. That let's me know how important it is to be at my best and do all I can to make a positive difference for others."

Brown is employed full-time as a Maintenance Administrator for US West Communications in Portland. She has served more than 16 years in the ORANG and spent 18 months of active duty in the U.S. Air Force. Brown is a single parent and lives with her daughter, Audra, 16, in Milwaukie.