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The Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps at Montana State University has been reorganized to accommodate the increased enrollment in the program, Cadet Commander Clifton C. Clark, Kalispell, announced. The cadet organization outgrew the group level and reached wing size this fall, he said.

In air force organization the wing consists of two or more groups, Clark explained. The newly reorganized AFROTC detachment at MSU consists of two groups, I and II. Group I, commanded by 1st Lt. Duane Anderson, Ruthton, Minn., consists of three squadrons. Group II, commanded by 1st Lt. Gerald Beller, Whitefish, has two squadrons.

Wing Commander Clark's staff of seniors is comprised of 1st Lt. James Martin, Gardiner, wing administrative officer; 1st Lt. Duane Adams, Winnett, wing operations officer, and 1st Lt. John Kearns, Miles City, wing information officer.

The reorganization was made possible by this year's greater number of cadet officers, Clark said. He noted that there are 600 cadets at MSU this year compared to about 450 last year. The changeover to wing status was completed this quarter to allow time to develop a working organization by spring quarter, when ROTC activities increase, he added.

"The reorganization marks a milestone in ROTC development at MSU by bringing the AFROTC organization here up to a level comparable to schools of much greater size," Clark commented. He pointed out that the 600 cadets at MSU bring the University's detachment close to the size of that at a school like Washington State University, which has a much larger total enrollment than MSU.

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