

Leaders Through the Years



2017 USAF Almanac

The Nation's Air Arm and Its Early Leaders

DESIGNATION	COMMANDER	DATES OF SERVICE	
AERONAUTICAL DIVISION, US SIGNAL CORPS Aug. 1, 1907 - July 18, 1914			
Chief, Aeronautical Division	Capt. Charles deForest Chandler	Aug. 1, 1907	June 30, 1910
	Capt. Arthur S. Cowan	July 1, 1910	June 19, 1911
	Capt. Charles deForest Chandler	June 20, 1911	Sept. 9, 1913
	Maj. Samuel Reber	Sept. 10, 1913	July 17, 1914
AVIATION SECTION, US SIGNAL CORPS^a July 18, 1914 - May 20, 1918			
Chief, Aviation Section	Lt. Col. Samuel Reber	July 18, 1914	May 5, 1916
	Lt. Col. George O. Squier	May 20, 1916	Feb. 19, 1917
	Lt. Col. John B. Bennet	Feb. 19, 1917	June 30, 1917
	Maj. Benjamin D. Foulois	June 30, 1917	Nov. 12, 1917
	Brig. Gen. Arthur I. Dade	Nov. 12, 1917	Feb. 27, 1918
	Col. Lawrence Brown	Feb. 27, 1918	May 20, 1918
DIVISION OF MILITARY AERONAUTICS, SECRETARY OF WAR May 20, 1918 - May 24, 1918			
Director of Military Aeronautics	Maj. Gen. William L. Kenly (Kept same title three months into absorption by Air Service)	May 20, 1918	August 1918
AIR SERVICE May 24, 1918 - July 2, 1926			
Director of Air Service	John D. Ryan	Aug. 28, 1918	Nov. 27, 1918
	Maj. Gen. Charles T. Menoher	Jan. 2, 1919	June 4, 1920
Chief of Air Service	Maj. Gen. Charles T. Menoher	June 4, 1920	Oct. 4, 1921
	Maj. Gen. Mason M. Patrick	Oct. 5, 1921	July 2, 1926
AIR CORPS^b July 2, 1926 - Sept. 18, 1947			
Chief of Air Corps	Maj. Gen. Mason M. Patrick	July 2, 1926	Dec. 13, 1927
	Maj. Gen. James E. Fechet	Dec. 14, 1927	Dec. 19, 1931
	Maj. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois	Dec. 20, 1931	Dec. 21, 1935
	Maj. Gen. Oscar Westover	Dec. 22, 1935	Sept. 21, 1938
	Maj. Gen. Henry H. Arnold	Sept. 29, 1938	June 20, 1941
ARMY AIR FORCES (AAF) June 20, 1941 - Sept. 18, 1947			
Chief, Army Air Forces	Lt. Gen. Henry H. Arnold	June 20, 1941	March 9, 1942
Commanding General, AAF	Gen. of the Army Henry H. Arnold ^c	March 9, 1942	Feb. 9, 1946
	Gen. Carl A. Spaatz	Feb. 9, 1946	Sept. 26, 1947
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE Sept. 18, 1947			
Chief of Staff	Gen. Carl A. Spaatz	Sept. 26, 1947	April 29, 1948

^aBetween April 1917 and May 1918, the Aviation Section was known by various other names: Aeronautical Division, Airplane Division, Air Division, and Air Service Division.

^bThe Air Corps became a subordinate element of the Army Air Forces June 20, 1941. Since the Air Corps had been established by statute in 1926, its disestablishment required an act of Congress, which did not take place until 1947. Between March 9, 1942, and Sept. 18, 1947, the Air Corps continued to exist as a combatant arm, and personnel of the Army Air Forces were still assigned to the Air Corps.

^cThe title General of the Army for Henry H. Arnold was changed to General of the Air Force by an act of Congress May 7, 1949. The position of Chief of Staff was established by a DOD-approved Army-Air Force Transfer Order issued Sept. 28, 1947.

Headquarters USAF Leaders

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

Stuart Symington	Sept. 18, 1947	April 24, 1950	James F. McGovern (acting)	Dec. 16, 1988	April 29, 1989
Thomas K. Finletter	April 24, 1950	Jan. 20, 1953	John J. Welch Jr. (acting)	April 29, 1989	May 21, 1989
Harold E. Talbott	Feb. 4, 1953	Aug. 13, 1955	Donald B. Rice	May 22, 1989	Jan. 20, 1993
Donald A. Quarles	Aug. 15, 1955	April 30, 1957	Michael B. Donley (acting)	Jan. 20, 1993	July 13, 1993
James H. Douglas Jr.	May 1, 1957	Dec. 10, 1959	Gen. Merrill A. McPeak (acting)	July 14, 1993	Aug. 5, 1993
Dudley C. Sharp	Dec. 11, 1959	Jan. 20, 1961	Sheila E. Widnall	Aug. 6, 1993	Oct. 31, 1997
Eugene M. Zuckert	Jan. 23, 1961	Sept. 30, 1965	F. Whitten Peters*	Nov. 1, 1997	Jan. 20, 2001
Harold Brown	Oct. 1, 1965	Feb. 14, 1969	Lawrence J. Delaney (acting)	Jan. 20, 2001	June 1, 2001
Robert C. Seamans Jr.	Feb. 15, 1969	May 14, 1973	James G. Roche	June 1, 2001	Jan. 20, 2005
John L. McLucas*	May 15, 1973	Nov. 23, 1975	Peter B. Teets (acting)	Jan. 20, 2005	March 25, 2005
James W. Plummer (acting)	Nov. 23, 1975	Jan. 2, 1976	Michael L. Dominguez (acting)	March 25, 2005	July 29, 2005
Thomas C. Reed	Jan. 2, 1976	April 6, 1977	Preston M. Geren (acting)	July 29, 2005	Nov. 3, 2005
John C. Stetson	April 6, 1977	May 18, 1979	Michael W. Wynne	Nov. 3, 2005	June 20, 2008
Hans M. Mark*	May 18, 1979	Feb. 9, 1981	Michael B. Donley*	June 21, 2008	June 21, 2013
Verne Orr	Feb. 9, 1981	Nov. 30, 1985	Eric Fanning (acting)	June 21, 2013	Dec. 20, 2013
Russell A. Rourke	Dec. 6, 1985	April 7, 1986	Deborah Lee James	Dec. 20, 2013	Jan. 19, 2017
Edward C. Aldridge Jr.*	April 8, 1986	Dec. 16, 1988	Lisa S. Disbrow (acting)	Jan. 20, 2017	

*Served as acting Secretary: McLucas until July 18, 1973; Mark until July 26, 1979; Aldridge until June 9, 1986; Peters until July 30, 1999; Donley until Oct. 17, 2008.

CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE

Gen. Carl A. Spaatz	Sept. 26, 1947	April 29, 1948	Gen. Michael J. Dugan	July 1, 1990	Sept. 17, 1990
Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg	April 30, 1948	June 29, 1953	Gen. John Michael Loh (acting)	Sept. 18, 1990	Oct. 27, 1990
Gen. Nathan F. Twining	June 30, 1953	June 30, 1957	Gen. Merrill A. McPeak	Oct. 27, 1990	Oct. 25, 1994
Gen. Thomas D. White	July 1, 1957	June 30, 1961	Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman	Oct. 25, 1994	Sept. 1, 1997
Gen. Curtis E. LeMay	June 30, 1961	Jan. 31, 1965	Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart (acting)	Sept. 1, 1997	Oct. 6, 1997
Gen. John P. McConnell	Feb. 1, 1965	July 31, 1969	Gen. Michael E. Ryan	Oct. 6, 1997	Sept. 6, 2001
Gen. John D. Ryan	Aug. 1, 1969	July 31, 1973	Gen. John P. Jumper	Sept. 6, 2001	Sept. 2, 2005
Gen. George S. Brown	Aug. 1, 1973	June 30, 1974	Gen. T. Michael Moseley	Sept. 2, 2005	July 12, 2008
Gen. David C. Jones	July 1, 1974	June 20, 1978	Gen. Duncan J. McNabb (acting)	July 12, 2008	Aug. 12, 2008
Gen. Lew Allen Jr.	July 1, 1978	June 30, 1982	Gen. Norton A. Schwartz	Aug. 12, 2008	Aug. 10, 2012
Gen. Charles A. Gabriel	July 1, 1982	June 30, 1986	Gen. Mark A. Welsh III	Aug. 10, 2012	July 1, 2016
Gen. Larry D. Welch	July 1, 1986	June 30, 1990	Gen. David L. Goldfein	July 1, 2016	

VICE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE

Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg	Oct. 10, 1947	April 28, 1948	Gen. Lawrence A. Skantze	Oct. 6, 1983	July 31, 1984
Gen. Muir S. Fairchild	May 27, 1948	March 17, 1950	Gen. Larry D. Welch	Aug. 1, 1984	July 31, 1985
Lt. Gen. Lauris Norstad (acting)	May 22, 1950	Oct. 9, 1950	Gen. John L. Piotrowski	Aug. 1, 1985	Jan. 31, 1987
Gen. Nathan F. Twining	Oct. 10, 1950	June 29, 1953	Gen. Monroe W. Hatch Jr.	Feb. 1, 1987	May 24, 1990
Gen. Thomas D. White	June 30, 1953	June 30, 1957	Gen. John Michael Loh	May 25, 1990	March 25, 1991
Gen. Curtis E. LeMay	July 1, 1957	June 30, 1961	Gen. Michael P. C. Carns	May 16, 1991	July 28, 1994
Gen. Frederic H. Smith Jr.	July 1, 1961	June 30, 1962	Gen. Thomas S. Moorman Jr.	July 29, 1994	July 11, 1997
Gen. William F. McKee	July 1, 1962	July 31, 1964	Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart	July 11, 1997	May 26, 1999
Gen. John P. McConnell	Aug. 1, 1964	Jan. 31, 1965	Gen. Lester L. Lyles	May 27, 1999	April 17, 2000
Gen. William H. Blanchard	Feb. 19, 1965	May 31, 1966	Gen. John W. Handy	April 17, 2000	Nov. 5, 2001
Lt. Gen. Hewitt T. Wheless (acting)	June 13, 1966	July 31, 1966	Gen. Robert H. Foglesong	Nov. 5, 2001	Aug. 11, 2003
Gen. Bruce K. Holloway	Aug. 1, 1966	July 31, 1968	Gen. T. Michael Moseley	Aug. 12, 2003	Sept. 2, 2005
Gen. John D. Ryan	Aug. 1, 1968	July 31, 1969	Gen. John D. W. Corley	Sept. 2, 2005	Sept. 17, 2007
Gen. John C. Meyer	Aug. 1, 1969	April 30, 1972	Gen. Duncan J. McNabb	Sept. 17, 2007	Sept. 4, 2008
Gen. Horace M. Wade	May 1, 1972	Oct. 31, 1973	Gen. William M. Fraser III	Oct. 8, 2008	Aug. 27, 2009
Gen. Richard H. Ellis	Nov. 1, 1973	Aug. 18, 1975	Gen. Carrol H. Chandler	Aug. 27, 2009	Jan. 14, 2011
Gen. William V. McBride	Sept. 1, 1975	March 31, 1978	Gen. Philip M. Breedlove	Jan. 14, 2011	July 27, 2012
Gen. Lew Allen Jr.	April 1, 1978	June 30, 1978	Gen. Larry O. Spencer	July 27, 2012	Aug. 6, 2015
Gen. James A. Hill	July 1, 1978	Feb. 29, 1980	Gen. David L. Goldfein	Aug. 6, 2015	July 1, 2016
Gen. Robert C. Mathis	March 1, 1980	May 31, 1982	Gen. Stephen W. Wilson	July 22, 2016	
Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley	June 1, 1982	Oct. 5, 1983			

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT OF THE AIR FORCE

CMSAF Paul W. Airey	April 3, 1967	July 31, 1969	CMSAF Gary R. Pflingston	Aug. 1, 1990	Oct. 25, 1994
CMSAF Donald L. Harlow	Aug. 1, 1969	Sept. 30, 1971	CMSAF David J. Campanale	Oct. 26, 1994	Nov. 4, 1996
CMSAF Richard D. Kislung	Oct. 1, 1971	Sept. 30, 1973	CMSAF Eric W. Benken	Nov. 5, 1996	July 30, 1999
CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes	Oct. 1, 1973	July 31, 1977	CMSAF Frederick J. Finch	July 30, 1999	July 1, 2002
CMSAF Robert D. Gaylor	Aug. 1, 1977	July 31, 1979	CMSAF Gerald R. Murray	July 1, 2002	June 30, 2006
CMSAF James M. McCoy	Aug. 1, 1979	July 31, 1981	CMSAF Rodney J. McKinley	June 30, 2006	June 30, 2009
CMSAF Arthur L. Andrews	Aug. 1, 1981	July 31, 1983	CMSAF James A. Roy	June 30, 2009	Jan. 24, 2013
CMSAF Sam E. Parish	Aug. 1, 1983	June 30, 1986	CMSAF James A. Cody	Jan. 24, 2013	Feb. 17, 2017
CMSAF James C. Binnicker	July 1, 1986	July 31, 1990	CMSAF Kaleth O. Wright	Feb. 17, 2017	

Major Command and ANG Leaders

This section presents the leaders of USAF's major commands and the Air National Guard (ANG) under a command's current designation. Leaders of historic Air Force major commands (and of active commands' previous designations) are listed in the next section.

AIR COMBAT COMMAND

Gen. John Michael Loh	June 1, 1992	June 23, 1995
Gen. Joseph W. Ralston	June 23, 1995	Feb. 28, 1996
Lt. Gen. Brett M. Dula (acting)	Feb. 28, 1996	April 5, 1996
Gen. Richard E. Hawley	April 5, 1996	June 11, 1999
Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart	June 11, 1999	Feb. 8, 2000
Gen. John P. Jumper	Feb. 8, 2000	Aug. 25, 2001
Lt. Gen. Donald G. Cook (acting)	Aug. 25, 2001	Nov. 14, 2001
Gen. Hal M. Hornburg	Nov. 14, 2001	Nov. 17, 2004
Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright (acting)	Nov. 17, 2004	Feb. 3, 2005
Lt. Gen. William Fraser III (acting)	Feb. 3, 2005	May 27, 2005
Gen. Ronald E. Keys	May 27, 2005	Oct. 2, 2007
Gen. John D. W. Corley	Oct. 2, 2007	Sept. 10, 2009
Gen. William M. Fraser III	Sept. 10, 2009	Sept. 13, 2011
Gen. Gilmary Michael Hostage III	Sept. 13, 2011	Nov. 4, 2014
Gen. Herbert J. Carlisle	Nov. 4, 2014	March 10, 2017
Gen. James M. Holmes	March 10, 2017	

AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

Gen. Henry Viccellio Jr.	July 1, 1993	June 20, 1995
Gen. Billy J. Boles	June 20, 1995	March 17, 1997
Gen. Lloyd W. Newton	March 17, 1997	June 22, 2000
Gen. Hal M. Hornburg	June 22, 2000	Nov. 10, 2001
Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper Jr. (acting)	Nov. 10, 2001	Dec. 15, 2001
Gen. Donald G. Cook	Dec. 15, 2001	June 17, 2005
Gen. William R. Looney III	June 17, 2005	July 2, 2008
Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz	July 2, 2008	Nov. 17, 2010
Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr.	Nov. 17, 2010	Oct. 10, 2013
Gen. Robin Rand	Oct. 10, 2013	July 21, 2015
Lt. Gen. Darryl L. Roberson	July 21, 2015	

AIR FORCE GLOBAL STRIKE COMMAND

Lt. Gen. Frank G. Klotz	Aug. 7, 2009	Jan. 6, 2011
Lt. Gen. James M. Kowalski	Jan. 6, 2011	Oct. 23, 2013
Lt. Gen. Stephen W. Wilson	Oct. 23, 2013	July 28, 2015
Gen. Robin Rand	July 28, 2015	

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND

Gen. Ronald W. Yates	July 1, 1992	June 30, 1995
Gen. Henry Viccellio Jr.	June 30, 1995	May 9, 1997
Lt. Gen. Kenneth Eickmann (acting)	May 9, 1997	May 29, 1997
Gen. George T. Babbitt Jr.	May 29, 1997	April 20, 2000
Gen. Lester L. Lyles	April 20, 2000	Aug. 22, 2003
Gen. Gregory S. Martin	Aug. 22, 2003	Aug. 19, 2005
Gen. Bruce Carlson	Aug. 19, 2005	Nov. 21, 2008
Gen. Donald J. Hoffman	Nov. 21, 2008	June 5, 2012
Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger	June 5, 2012	June 8, 2015
Gen. Ellen M. Pawlikowski	June 8, 2015	

AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh	Feb. 17, 1997	June 9, 1998
Maj. Gen. David R. Smith (acting)	June 9, 1998	Sept. 25, 1998
Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III	Sept. 25, 1998	June 1, 2004
Maj. Gen. J. J. Batbie Jr. (acting)	June 1, 2004	June 24, 2004
Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley	June 24, 2004	June 24, 2008
Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr.	June 24, 2008	July 30, 2012
Lt. Gen. James F. Jackson	July 30, 2012	July 15, 2016
Lt. Gen. Maryanne Miller	July 15, 2016	



Gen. Robin Rand, head of Air Force Global Strike Command, hosts a commander's call at Kirtland AFB, N.M.

AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND

Gen. James V. Hartinger	Sept. 1, 1982	July 30, 1984
Gen. Robert T. Herres	July 30, 1984	Oct. 1, 1986
Maj. Gen. Maurice C. Padden	Oct. 1, 1986	Oct. 29, 1987
Lt. Gen. Donald J. Kutyna	Oct. 29, 1987	March 29, 1990
Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman Jr.	March 29, 1990	March 23, 1992
Gen. Donald J. Kutyna	March 23, 1992	June 30, 1992
Gen. Charles A. Horner	June 30, 1992	Sept. 13, 1994
Gen. Joseph W. Ashy	Sept. 13, 1994	Aug. 26, 1996
Gen. Howell M. Estes III	Aug. 26, 1996	Aug. 14, 1998
Gen. Richard B. Myers	Aug. 14, 1998	Feb. 22, 2000
Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart	Feb. 22, 2000	April 19, 2002
Gen. Lance W. Lord	April 19, 2002	April 1, 2006
Lt. Gen. Frank G. Klotz (acting)	April 1, 2006	June 26, 2006
Gen. Kevin P. Chilton	June 26, 2006	Oct. 3, 2007
Lt. Gen. Michael A. Hamel (acting)	Oct. 3, 2007	Oct. 12, 2007
Gen. C. Robert Kehler	Oct. 12, 2007	Jan. 5, 2011
Gen. William L. Shelton	Jan. 5, 2011	Aug. 15, 2014
Gen. John E. Hyten	Aug. 15, 2014	Oct. 25, 2016
Gen. John W. Raymond	Oct. 25, 2016	

AIR FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Eggers	May 22, 1990	June 30, 1991
Maj. Gen. Bruce L. Fister	June 30, 1991	July 22, 1994
Maj. Gen. James L. Hobson Jr.	July 22, 1994	July 9, 1997
Maj. Gen. Charles R. Holland	July 9, 1997	Aug. 5, 1999
Lt. Gen. Maxwell C. Bailey	Aug. 5, 1999	Jan. 16, 2002
Lt. Gen. Paul V. Hester	Jan. 16, 2002	July 1, 2004
Lt. Gen. Michael W. Wooley	July 1, 2004	Nov. 27, 2007
Lt. Gen. Donald C. Wurster	Nov. 27, 2007	June 24, 2011
Lt. Gen. Eric E. Fiel	June 24, 2011	July 3, 2014
Lt. Gen. Bradley A. Heithold	July 3, 2014	July 19, 2016
Lt. Gen. Marshall B. Webb	July 19, 2016	

AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

Gen. Hansford T. Johnson	June 1, 1992	Aug. 25, 1992
Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman	Aug. 25, 1992	Oct. 18, 1994
Gen. Robert L. Rutherford	Oct. 18, 1994	July 15, 1996
Gen. Walter Kross	July 15, 1996	Aug. 3, 1998
Gen. Charles T. Robertson Jr.	Aug. 3, 1998	Nov. 5, 2001
Gen. John W. Handy	Nov. 5, 2001	Sept. 7, 2005
Lt. Gen. Christopher Kelly (acting)	Sept. 7, 2005	Oct. 14, 2005
Gen. Duncan J. McNabb	Oct. 14, 2005	Sept. 7, 2007
Gen. Arthur J. Lichte	Sept. 7, 2007	Nov. 20, 2009
Gen. Raymond E. Johns Jr.	Nov. 20, 2009	Nov. 30, 2012
Gen. Paul J. Selva	Nov. 30, 2012	May 5, 2014
Gen. Darren W. McDew	May 5, 2014	Aug. 11, 2015
Gen. Carlton D. Everhart II	Aug. 11, 2015	

Major Command and ANG Leaders (continued)

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Col. William A. R. Robertson	Nov. 28, 1945	October 1948
Maj. Gen. George G. Finch	October 1948	Sept. 25, 1950
Maj. Gen. Earl T. Ricks	Oct. 13, 1950	Jan. 4, 1954
Maj. Gen. Winston P. Wilson	Jan. 26, 1954	Aug. 5, 1962
Maj. Gen. I. G. Brown	Aug. 6, 1962	April 19, 1974
Maj. Gen. John J. Pesch	April 20, 1974	Jan. 31, 1977
Maj. Gen. John T. Guice	Feb. 1, 1977	April 1, 1981
Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway	April 1, 1981	Nov. 1, 1988
Maj. Gen. Philip G. Killey	Nov. 1, 1988	Jan. 28, 1994
Maj. Gen. Donald W. Shepperd	Jan. 28, 1994	Jan. 28, 1998
Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver Jr.	Jan. 28, 1998	Dec. 3, 2001
Brig. Gen. David Brubaker (acting)	Dec. 3, 2001	June 3, 2002
Lt. Gen. Daniel James III	June 3, 2002	May 20, 2006
Lt. Gen. Craig R. McKinley	May 20, 2006	Nov. 17, 2008
Maj. Gen. Emmett Titshaw (acting)	Nov. 17, 2008	Feb. 2, 2009
Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III	Feb. 2, 2009	March 22, 2013
Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke III	March 22, 2013	Dec. 18, 2015
Maj. Gen. Brian G. Neal (acting)	Dec. 18, 2015	May 10, 2016
Lt. Gen. L. Scott Rice	May 10, 2016	

PACIFIC AIR FORCES

Gen. Laurence S. Kuter	July 1, 1957	Aug. 1, 1959
Gen. Emmett O'Donnell Jr.	Aug. 1, 1959	Aug. 1, 1963
Gen. Jacob E. Smart	Aug. 1, 1963	Aug. 1, 1964
Gen. Hunter Harris Jr.	Aug. 1, 1964	Feb. 1, 1967
Gen. John D. Ryan	Feb. 1, 1967	Aug. 1, 1968
Gen. Joseph J. Nazzaro	Aug. 1, 1968	Aug. 1, 1971
Gen. Lucius D. Clay Jr.	Aug. 1, 1971	Oct. 1, 1973
Gen. John W. Vogt Jr.	Oct. 1, 1973	July 1, 1974
Gen. Louis L. Wilson Jr.	July 1, 1974	June 3, 1977
Lt. Gen. James A. Hill	June 3, 1977	June 15, 1978
Lt. Gen. James D. Hughes	June 15, 1978	June 8, 1981
Lt. Gen. Arnold W. Braswell	June 8, 1981	Oct. 8, 1983
Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley	Oct. 8, 1983	Sept. 25, 1984
Gen. Robert W. Bazley	Sept. 25, 1984	Dec. 16, 1986
Gen. Jack I. Gregory	Dec. 16, 1986	July 22, 1988
Gen. Merrill A. McPeak	July 22, 1988	Nov. 5, 1990
Lt. Gen. James B. Davis	Nov. 5, 1990	Feb. 19, 1991
Gen. Jimmie V. Adams	Feb. 19, 1991	Jan. 22, 1993
Gen. Robert L. Rutherford	Jan. 22, 1993	Oct. 12, 1994
Gen. John G. Lorber	Oct. 12, 1994	July 7, 1997
Gen. Richard B. Myers	July 7, 1997	July 23, 1998
Gen. Patrick K. Gamble	July 23, 1998	April 9, 2001
Lt. Gen. Lansford E. Trapp (acting)	April 9, 2001	May 4, 2001
Gen. William J. Begert	May 4, 2001	July 2, 2004
Gen. Paul V. Hester	July 2, 2004	Nov. 30, 2007
Gen. Carrol H. Chandler	Nov. 30, 2007	Aug. 19, 2009
Gen. Gary L. North	Aug. 19, 2009	Aug. 3, 2012
Gen. Herbert J. Carlisle	Aug. 3, 2012	Oct. 16, 2014
Gen. Lori J. Robinson	Oct. 16, 2014	May 11, 2016
Lt. Gen. Russell J. Handy (acting)	May 11, 2016	July 12, 2016
Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy	July 12, 2016	



A maintenance crew chief with the 56th Rescue Squadron, US Air Forces in Europe, works on an HH-60G Pave Hawk anti-icing component.

US AIR FORCES IN EUROPE

Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon	Aug. 7, 1945	Aug. 14, 1947
Brig. Gen. John F. McBlain (acting)	Aug. 14, 1947	Oct. 20, 1947
Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay	Oct. 20, 1947	Oct. 16, 1948
Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon	Oct. 16, 1948	Jan. 21, 1951
Gen. Lauris Norstad	Jan. 21, 1951	July 27, 1953
Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner	July 27, 1953	July 1, 1957
Gen. Frank F. Everest	July 1, 1957	Aug. 1, 1959
Gen. Frederic H. Smith Jr.	Aug. 1, 1959	July 1, 1961
Gen. Truman H. Landon	July 1, 1961	Aug. 1, 1963
Gen. Gabriel P. Disosway	Aug. 1, 1963	Aug. 1, 1965
Gen. Bruce K. Holloway	Aug. 1, 1965	Aug. 1, 1966
Gen. Maurice A. Preston	Aug. 1, 1966	Aug. 1, 1968
Gen. Horace M. Wade	Aug. 1, 1968	Aug. 1, 1969
Gen. Joseph R. Holzapple	Feb. 1, 1969	Sept. 1, 1971
Gen. David C. Jones	Sept. 1, 1971	July 1, 1974
Gen. John W. Vogt	July 1, 1974	Sept. 1, 1975
Gen. Richard H. Ellis	Sept. 1, 1975	Aug. 1, 1977
Gen. William J. Evans	Aug. 1, 1977	Aug. 1, 1978
Gen. John W. Pauly	Aug. 1, 1978	Aug. 1, 1980
Gen. Charles A. Gabriel	Aug. 1, 1980	June 30, 1982
Gen. Billy M. Minter	July 1, 1982	Nov. 1, 1984
Gen. Charles L. Donnelly Jr.	Nov. 1, 1984	May 1, 1987
Gen. William L. Kirk	May 1, 1987	April 12, 1989
Gen. Michael J. Dugan	April 12, 1989	June 26, 1990
Gen. Robert C. Oaks	June 26, 1990	July 29, 1994
Gen. James L. Jamerson	July 29, 1994	July 17, 1995
Gen. Richard E. Hawley	July 17, 1995	April 4, 1996
Gen. Michael E. Ryan	April 4, 1996	Oct. 6, 1997
Lt. Gen. William J. Begert (acting)	Oct. 6, 1997	Dec. 5, 1997
Gen. John P. Jumper	Dec. 5, 1997	Jan. 13, 2000
Gen. Gregory S. Martin	Jan. 13, 2000	Aug. 12, 2003
Gen. Robert H. Foglesong	Aug. 12, 2003	Dec. 6, 2005
Gen. William T. Hobbins	Dec. 6, 2005	Dec. 10, 2007
Lt. Gen. Robert D. Bishop Jr.	Dec. 10, 2007	Jan. 9, 2008
Gen. Roger A. Brady	Jan. 9, 2008	Dec. 13, 2010
Gen. Mark A. Welsh III	Dec. 13, 2010	July 31, 2012
Gen. Philip M. Breedlove	July 31, 2012	May 10, 2013
Lt. Gen. Noel T. Jones (acting)	May 10, 2013	Aug. 2, 2013
Gen. Frank Gorenc	Aug. 2, 2013	Aug. 11, 2016
Gen. Tod D. Wolters	Aug. 11, 2016	

Historic Major Command Leaders

AIR (AEROSPACE) DEFENSE COMMAND

Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer	March 27, 1946	Nov. 30, 1948
Maj. Gen. Gordon P. Saville	Dec. 1, 1948	Sept. 1, 1949
Lt. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead	Jan. 1, 1951	Aug. 24, 1951
Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw	Aug. 25, 1951	May 31, 1955
Maj. Gen. Frederic Smith (acting)	June 1, 1955	July 19, 1955
Gen. Earle E. Partridge	July 20, 1955	Sept. 16, 1956
Lt. Gen. Joseph H. Atkinson	Sept. 17, 1956	Feb. 28, 1961
Lt. Gen. Robert M. Lee	March 1, 1961	July 5, 1963
Maj. Gen. Robert H. Terrill (acting)	July 6, 1963	July 31, 1963
Lt. Gen. Herbert B. Thatcher	Aug. 1, 1963	July 31, 1967
Lt. Gen. Arthur C. Agan Jr.	Aug. 1, 1967	Feb. 28, 1970
Lt. Gen. Thomas K. McGehee	March 1, 1970	June 30, 1973
Gen. Seth J. McKee	July 1, 1973	Sept. 30, 1973
Gen. Lucius D. Clay Jr.	Oct. 1, 1973	Aug. 31, 1975
Gen. Daniel James Jr.	Sept. 1, 1975	Dec. 6, 1977
Gen. James E. Hill	Dec. 6, 1977	Dec. 31, 1979
Gen. James V. Hartinger	Jan. 1, 1980	March 31, 1980

Established March 21, 1946. Assigned to Continental Air Command 1948. Discontinued 1950. Regained majcom status 1951. Redesignated Aerospace Defense Command Jan. 15, 1968. Inactivated March 31, 1980.

AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Harold W. Grant	July 1, 1961	Feb. 15, 1962
Maj. Gen. Kenneth P. Bergquist	Feb. 16, 1962	June 30, 1965
Maj. Gen. J. Francis Taylor (acting)	July 1, 1965	Oct. 18, 1965
Maj. Gen. Richard P. Klocko	Oct. 19, 1965	July 2, 1967
Maj. Gen. Robert W. Paulson	July 15, 1967	Aug. 1, 1969
Maj. Gen. Paul R. Stoney	Aug. 1, 1969	Oct. 31, 1973
Maj. Gen. Donald L. Werbeck	Nov. 1, 1973	Aug. 24, 1975
Maj. Gen. Rupert H. Burris	Aug. 25, 1975	Oct. 31, 1977
Maj. Gen. Robert E. Sadler	Nov. 1, 1977	June 21, 1979
Maj. Gen. Robert T. Herres	June 22, 1979	July 27, 1981
Maj. Gen. Robert F. McCarthy	July 27, 1981	June 1, 1984
Maj. Gen. Gerald L. Prather	June 1, 1984	Aug. 28, 1986
Maj. Gen. John T. Stihl	Aug. 28, 1986	March 29, 1988
Maj. Gen. James S. Cassidy Jr.	March 29, 1988	May 16, 1989
Maj. Gen. Robert H. Ludwig	May 16, 1989	Nov. 9, 1990
Maj. Gen. John S. Fairfield	Nov. 9, 1990	July 1, 1991

Formerly Air Force Communications Service. Redesignated Air Force Communications Command 1979. Changed to field operating agency July 1, 1991.

AIR FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND

Lt. Gen. Nathan F. Twining	March 9, 1946	Oct. 13, 1947
Gen. Joseph T. McNarney	Oct. 14, 1947	Aug. 31, 1949
Lt. Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw	Sept. 1, 1949	Aug. 20, 1951
Gen. Edwin W. Rawlins	Aug. 21, 1951	Feb. 28, 1959
Lt. Gen. William F. McKee (acting)	March 1, 1959	March 14, 1959
Gen. Samuel E. Anderson	March 15, 1959	July 31, 1961
Gen. William F. McKee	Aug. 1, 1961	June 30, 1962
Gen. Mark E. Bradley Jr.	July 1, 1962	July 31, 1965
Gen. Kenneth B. Hobson	Aug. 1, 1965	July 31, 1967
Gen. Thomas P. Gerrity	Aug. 1, 1967	Feb. 24, 1968
Lt. Gen. Lewis L. Mundell (acting)	Feb. 24, 1968	March 28, 1968
Gen. Jack G. Merrell	March 29, 1968	Sept. 11, 1972
Gen. Jack J. Catton	Sept. 12, 1972	Aug. 31, 1974
Gen. William V. McBride	Sept. 1, 1974	Aug. 31, 1975
Gen. F. Michael Rogers	Sept. 1, 1975	Jan. 31, 1978
Gen. Bryce Poe II	Feb. 1, 1978	July 31, 1981
Gen. James P. Mullins	Aug. 1, 1981	Nov. 1, 1984
Gen. Earl T. O'Loughlin	Nov. 1, 1984	July 31, 1987
Gen. Alfred G. Hansen	July 31, 1987	Oct. 31, 1989
Gen. Charles C. McDonald	Oct. 31, 1989	July 1, 1992

Antecedents: AAF Materiel and Services 1944; AAF Technical Service Command 1944; Air Technical Service Command 1945; Air Materiel Command 1946; Air Force Logistics Command 1961. Inactivated July 1, 1992.



YF-22 Advanced Tactical Fighters were delivered to Air Force Systems Command before its inactivation.

AIR FORCE RESERVE

Maj. Gen. Rollin B. Moore Jr.	Aug. 1, 1968	Jan. 27, 1972
Brig. Gen. Alfred Verhulst (acting)	Jan. 27, 1972	March 16, 1972
Maj. Gen. Homer I. Lewis	March 16, 1972	April 16, 1975
Maj. Gen. William Lyon	April 16, 1975	April 17, 1979
Maj. Gen. Richard Bodycombe	April 17, 1979	Nov. 1, 1982
Maj. Gen. Sloan R. Gill	Nov. 1, 1982	Nov. 1, 1986
Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer	Nov. 1, 1986	Nov. 1, 1990
Maj. Gen. John J. Closner III	Nov. 1, 1990	Nov. 1, 1994
Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh	Nov. 1, 1994	Feb. 17, 1997

Established as Air Force Reserve, an operating agency, June 21, 1968. Became a direct reporting unit July 1, 1978. Returned to agency status May 1, 1983. Became a field operating agency Feb. 5, 1991. Redesignated Air Force Reserve Command Feb. 17, 1997. For current leaders, see Air Force Reserve Command in Major Command and ANG Leaders.

AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND

Maj. Gen. David M. Schlatter	Feb. 1, 1950	June 24, 1951
Lt. Gen. Earle E. Partridge	June 24, 1951	June 20, 1953
Lt. Gen. Donald L. Putt	June 30, 1953	April 14, 1954
Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Power	April 15, 1954	June 30, 1957
Maj. Gen. John Sessums (acting)	July 1, 1957	July 31, 1957
Lt. Gen. Samuel E. Anderson	Aug. 1, 1957	March 9, 1959
Maj. Gen. John Sessums (acting)	March 10, 1959	April 24, 1959
Gen. Bernard A. Schriever	April 25, 1959	Aug. 31, 1966
Gen. James Ferguson	Sept. 1, 1966	Aug. 30, 1970
Gen. George S. Brown	Sept. 1, 1970	July 31, 1973
Gen. Samuel C. Phillips	Aug. 1, 1973	Aug. 31, 1975
Gen. William J. Evans	Sept. 1, 1975	July 31, 1977
Gen. Lew Allen Jr.	Aug. 1, 1977	March 13, 1978
Gen. Alton D. Slay	March 14, 1978	Feb. 1, 1981
Gen. Robert T. Marsh	Feb. 1, 1981	Aug. 1, 1984
Gen. Lawrence A. Skantzze	Aug. 1, 1984	July 17, 1987
Gen. Bernard P. Randolph	July 17, 1987	April 1, 1990
Gen. Ronald W. Yates	April 1, 1990	July 1, 1992

Formerly Air Research and Development Command. Redesignated Air Force Systems Command April 1, 1961. Inactivated July 1, 1992.

AIR PROVING GROUND COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Carl A. Brandt	October 1946	August 1948
Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner	August 1948	June 1950
Maj. Gen. Bryant L. Boatner	July 1950	July 1952
Maj. Gen. Patrick W. Timberlake	July 1952	April 1955
Maj. Gen. Robert W. Burns	August 1955	July 1957

Designated a center December 1957.

Historic Major Command Leaders (continued)

AIR TRAINING COMMAND

Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount	Jan. 28 1942	Sept. 27, 1945	Lt. Gen. George B. Simler	Sept. 1, 1970	Sept. 9, 1972
Maj. Gen. James P. Hodges	Sept. 27, 1945	April 13, 1946	Lt. Gen. William V. McBride	Sept. 9, 1972	Aug. 31, 1974
Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon	April 13, 1946	Oct. 13, 1948	Lt. Gen. George H. McKee	Sept. 1, 1974	Aug. 28, 1975
Lt. Gen. Robert W. Harper	Oct. 14, 1948	June 30, 1954	Gen. John W. Roberts	Aug. 29, 1975	April 1, 1979
Maj. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus (acting)	July 1, 1954	July 25, 1954	Gen. Bennie L. Davis	April 1, 1979	July 28, 1981
Lt. Gen. Charles T. Myers	July 26, 1954	July 31, 1958	Gen. Thomas M. Ryan Jr.	July 29, 1981	June 22, 1983
Lt. Gen. Frederic H. Smith Jr.	Aug. 1, 1958	July 31, 1959	Gen. Andrew P. Iosue	June 23, 1983	Aug. 27, 1986
Lt. Gen. James E. Briggs	Aug. 1, 1959	July 31, 1963	Lt. Gen. John A. Shaud	Aug. 28, 1986	June 5, 1988
Lt. Gen. Robert W. Burns	Aug. 1, 1963	Aug. 10, 1964	Lt. Gen. Robert C. Oaks	June 6, 1988	June 24, 1990
Lt. Gen. William W. Momyer	Aug. 11, 1964	June 30, 1966	Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Ashy	June 25, 1990	Dec. 9, 1992
Lt. Gen. Sam Maddux Jr.	July 1, 1966	Aug. 30, 1970	Gen. Henry Viccellio Jr.	Dec. 11, 1992	June 30, 1993

Established as Air Corps Flying Training Command Jan. 23, 1942. Redesignated as AAF Flying Training Command March 15, 1942; AAF Training Command July 31, 1943; Air Training Command July 1, 1946; Air Education and Training Command July 1, 1993. For current leaders, see Air Education and Training Command in Major Command and ANG Leaders.

AIR UNIVERSITY

Maj. Gen. Muir S. Fairchild	March 15, 1946	May 17, 1948	Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem II	Aug. 1, 1970	Oct. 31, 1973
Maj. Gen. Robert W. Harper	May 17, 1948	Oct. 15, 1948	Lt. Gen. F. Michael Rogers	Nov. 1, 1973	Aug. 31, 1975
Gen. George C. Kenney	Oct. 16, 1948	July 27, 1951	Lt. Gen. Raymond B. Furlong	Sept. 1, 1975	July 1, 1979
Lt. Gen. Idwal H. Edwards	July 28, 1951	Feb. 28, 1953	Lt. Gen. Stanley M. Umstead	July 1, 1979	July 24, 1981
Maj. Gen. John DeF. Barker (acting)	March 1, 1953	April 14, 1953	Lt. Gen. Charles G. Cleveland	July 24, 1981	Aug. 1, 1984
Lt. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter	April 15, 1953	May 31, 1955	Lt. Gen. Thomas C. Richards	Aug. 1, 1984	Nov. 6, 1986
Lt. Gen. Dean C. Strother	June 1, 1955	June 30, 1958	Lt. Gen. Truman Spangrud	Nov. 6, 1986	July 12, 1988
Lt. Gen. Walter E. Todd	July 15, 1958	July 31, 1961	Lt. Gen. Ralph E. Havens	July 12, 1988	Oct. 6, 1989
Lt. Gen. Troup Miller Jr.	Aug. 1, 1961	Dec. 31, 1963	Maj. Gen. David C. Reed	Oct. 6, 1989	Jan. 4, 1990
Lt. Gen. Ralph P. Swofford Jr.	Jan. 1, 1964	July 31, 1965	Lt. Gen. Charles G. Boyd	Jan. 4, 1990	Oct. 26, 1992
Lt. Gen. John W. Carpenter III	Aug. 1, 1965	July 31, 1968	Lt. Gen. Jay W. Kelley	Oct. 27, 1992	June 30, 1993
Lt. Gen. Albert P. Clark	Aug. 1, 1968	July 31, 1970			

With lineage dating to the Air Service School, Feb. 25, 1920. Designated Air University, a major command, March 12, 1946. Lost majcom status July 1, 1978; regained July 1, 1983; lost again July 1, 1993.

ALASKAN AIR COMMAND

Brig. Gen. Joseph H. Atkinson	Oct. 1, 1946	Feb. 25, 1949	Maj. Gen. James C. Jensen	Aug. 15, 1963	Nov. 14, 1966
Brig. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr.	Feb. 26, 1949	Dec. 27, 1950	Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Moore	Nov. 15, 1966	July 24, 1969
Maj. Gen. William D. Old	Dec. 27, 1950	Oct. 14, 1952	Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Cunningham	July 25, 1969	July 31, 1972
Brig. Gen. W. R. Agee	Oct. 27, 1952	Feb. 26, 1953	Maj. Gen. Donavon F. Smith	Aug. 1, 1972	June 5, 1973
Maj. Gen. George R. Acheson	Feb. 26, 1953	Feb. 1, 1956	Maj. Gen. Charles W. Carson Jr.	June 18, 1973	March 2, 1974
Brig. Gen. T. Alan Bennett (acting)	Feb. 1, 1956	Feb. 24, 1956	Col. David T. Stockman (acting)	March 3, 1974	March 18, 1974
Lt. Gen. Joseph H. Atkinson	Feb. 24, 1956	July 16, 1956	Maj. Gen. Jack K. Gamble	March 19, 1974	June 30, 1975
Maj. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr.	July 17, 1956	Oct. 23, 1956	Lt. Gen. James E. Hill	July 1, 1975	Oct. 14, 1976
Maj. Gen. James H. Davies	Oct. 24, 1956	June 27, 1957	Lt. Gen. M. L. Boswell	Oct. 15, 1976	June 30, 1978
Lt. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr.	June 28, 1957	Aug. 18, 1957	Lt. Gen. Winfield W. Scott Jr.	July 1, 1978	April 1, 1981
Brig. Gen. Kenneth H. Gibson	Aug. 19, 1957	Aug. 13, 1958	Lt. Gen. Lynwood E. Clark	April 1, 1981	Aug. 31, 1983
Maj. Gen. C. F. Necrason	Aug. 14, 1958	July 19, 1961	Lt. Gen. Bruce K. Brown	Sept. 1, 1983	Sept. 26, 1985
Brig. Gen. Jack A. Gibbs (acting)	July 20, 1961	July 25, 1961	Lt. Gen. David L. Nichols	Sept. 27, 1985	May 22, 1988
Maj. Gen. Wendell W. Bowman	July 26, 1961	Aug. 8, 1963	Lt. Gen. Thomas G. McInerney	May 22, 1988	Aug. 9, 1990
Col. Alfred Walton (acting)	Aug. 9, 1963	Aug. 14, 1963			

Activated as Alaskan Air Force 1942. Redesignated: Eleventh Air Force 1942; Alaskan Air Command 1945; 11th Air Force Aug. 9, 1990, under Pacific Air Forces.



In 1980, F-4E Phantoms from the 21st Tactical Fighter Wing, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, fly past Mount McKinley. They were assigned to Alaskan Air Command.

CONTINENTAL AIR COMMAND

Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer	Dec. 1, 1948	April 15, 1949
Lt. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead	April 15, 1949	Dec. 14, 1950
Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale	Dec. 14, 1950	Feb. 18, 1952
Lt. Gen. Leon W. Johnson	Feb. 18, 1952	Dec. 14, 1955
Lt. Gen. Charles B. Stone III	Dec. 15, 1955	June 30, 1957
Lt. Gen. William E. Hall	July 1, 1957	Sept. 30, 1961
Lt. Gen. Gordon A. Blake	Sept. 30, 1961	June 30, 1962
Lt. Gen. Edward J. Timberlake	July 1, 1962	June 19, 1965
Maj. Gen. Albert Wilson (acting)	June 19, 1965	Aug. 18, 1965
Lt. Gen. Cecil H. Childre	Aug. 18, 1965	May 1966
Maj. Gen. Stanley Holtner (acting)	May 1966	July 30, 1966
Lt. Gen. Henry Viccellio Sr.	Aug. 1, 1966	Aug. 1, 1968

Established Dec. 1, 1948. Inactivated Aug. 1, 1968.

Historic Major Command Leaders (continued)



A Far East Air Forces B-57 passes Mount Fuji, Japan, about 1957.



Then-Lt. Gen. George Kenney in Australia.

ELECTRONIC SECURITY COMMAND/AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE COMMAND

Col. Roy H. Lynn	Oct. 26, 1948	July 5, 1949
Col. Travis M. Hetherington	July 6, 1949	Feb. 21, 1951
Maj. Gen. Roy H. Lynn	Feb. 22, 1951	Feb. 13, 1953
Maj. Gen. Harold H. Bassett	Feb. 14, 1953	Jan. 3, 1957
Maj. Gen. Gordon L. Blake	Jan. 4, 1957	Aug. 5, 1959
Maj. Gen. John B. Ackerman	Aug. 6, 1959	Sept. 20, 1959
Maj. Gen. Millard Lewis	Sept. 21, 1959	Aug. 31, 1962
Maj. Gen. Richard P. Klocko	Sept. 1, 1962	Oct. 15, 1965
Maj. Gen. Louis E. Coira	Oct. 16, 1965	July 18, 1969
Maj. Gen. Carl W. Stapleton	July 19, 1969	Feb. 23, 1973
Maj. Gen. Walter T. Galligan	Feb. 24, 1973	May 16, 1974
Maj. Gen. Howard P. Smith	May 17, 1974	July 31, 1975
Maj. Gen. Kenneth D. Burns	Aug. 1, 1975	Jan. 18, 1979
Maj. Gen. Doyle E. Larson	Jan. 19, 1979	July 31, 1983
Maj. Gen. John B. Marks	Aug. 1, 1983	April 16, 1985
Maj. Gen. Paul H. Martin	April 17, 1985	Aug. 14, 1989
Maj. Gen. Gary W. O'Shaughnessy	Aug. 15, 1989	June 1, 1993
Maj. Gen. Kenneth A. Minihan	June 2, 1993	Oct. 1, 1993

Formerly USAF Security Service. Redesignated Electronic Security Command Aug. 1, 1979; Air Force Intelligence Command Oct. 1, 1991. Changed to field operating agency, Air Intelligence Agency, Oct. 1, 1993.

FAR EAST AIR FORCES

Gen. George C. Kenney	Aug. 3, 1944	Dec. 30, 1945
Lt. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead	Dec. 30, 1945	April 26, 1949
Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer	April 26, 1949	May 21, 1951
Lt. Gen. Earle E. Partridge (acting)	May 21, 1951	June 10, 1951
Gen. Otto P. Weyland	June 10, 1951	March 26, 1954
Gen. Earle E. Partridge	March 26, 1954	June 4, 1955
Gen. Laurence S. Kuter	June 4, 1955	July 1, 1959

Activated as Far East Air Forces Aug. 3, 1944. Redesignated Pacific Air Command, US Army, Dec. 6, 1945; Far East Air Forces Jan. 1, 1947; Pacific Air Forces July 1, 1957. For current leaders, see Pacific Air Forces in Major Command and ANG Leaders.

HEADQUARTERS COMMAND

Brig. Gen. Burton M. Hovey	Jan. 3, 1946	Dec. 13, 1948
Brig. Gen. Sydney D. Grubbs	Dec. 14, 1948	Oct. 1, 1950
Brig. Gen. Morris J. Lee	Oct. 2, 1950	June 13, 1952
Brig. Gen. Stoyte O. Ross	June 14, 1952	July 4, 1956
Maj. Gen. Reuben C. Hood Jr.	Aug. 1, 1956	June 30, 1959
Maj. Gen. Brooke E. Allen	Aug. 3, 1959	Dec. 31, 1965
Maj. Gen. Rollen H. Anthis	Jan. 10, 1966	Nov. 30, 1967
Maj. Gen. Milton B. Adams	Dec. 1, 1967	June 30, 1968
Maj. Gen. Nils O. Ohman	July 5, 1968	April 30, 1972
Maj. Gen. John L. Locke	May 1, 1972	Feb. 25, 1974
Maj. Gen. Maurice R. Reilly	Feb. 26, 1974	August 1975
Maj. Gen. William C. Norris	Sept. 1, 1975	June 30, 1976

Established as Bolling Field Command 1946. Redesignated Headquarters Command, USAF, March 17, 1948. Inactivated 1976.

MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Robert M. Olds	May 29, 1941	April 1, 1942
Lt. Gen. Harold L. George	April 1, 1942	Sept. 20, 1946
Maj. Gen. Robert M. Webster	Sept. 20, 1946	July 1, 1947
Maj. Gen. Robert W. Harper	July 1, 1947	June 1, 1948
Lt. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter	June 1, 1948	Nov. 19, 1951
Lt. Gen. Joseph Smith	Nov. 19, 1951	July 1, 1958
Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner	July 1, 1958	June 1, 1960
Gen. Joe W. Kelly	June 1, 1960	July 19, 1964
Gen. Howell M. Estes Jr.	July 19, 1964	Aug. 1, 1969
Gen. Jack J. Catton	Aug. 1, 1969	Sept. 12, 1972
Lt. Gen. Jay T. Robbins (acting)	Sept. 12, 1972	Sept. 20, 1972
Gen. Paul K. Carlton	Sept. 20, 1972	April 1, 1977
Gen. William G. Moore Jr.	April 1, 1977	July 1, 1979
Gen. Robert E. Huyser	July 1, 1979	June 26, 1981
Gen. James R. Allen	June 26, 1981	June 30, 1983
Gen. Thomas M. Ryan Jr.	June 30, 1983	Sept. 20, 1985
Gen. Duane H. Cassidy	Sept. 20, 1985	Sept. 22, 1989
Gen. Hansford T. Johnson	Sept. 22, 1989	June 1, 1992

Established as Air Corps Ferrying Command May 29, 1941. Redesignated AAF Ferry Command March 9, 1942; AAF Ferrying Command March 31, 1942; Air Transport Command July 1, 1942; Military Air Transport Service June 1, 1948; Military Airlift Command Jan. 1, 1966. Inactivated June 1, 1992. Consolidated with Air Mobility Command. For current leaders, see Air Mobility Command in Major Command and ANG Leaders.

NORTHEAST AIR COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Lyman P. Whitten	Oct. 6, 1950	March 14, 1952
Maj. Gen. Charles T. Myers	March 14, 1952	July 26, 1954
Lt. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus	July 26, 1954	March 31, 1957

Newfoundland Base Command, part of Military Air Transport Service, was reorganized and redesignated Northeast Air Command, a new major command, Oct. 1, 1950. Inactivated March 31, 1957.

Historic Major Command Leaders (continued)



Tactical Air Command F-104s from Hamilton AFB, Calif., at Taeyan AB, Taiwan, during a 1958 operation.

STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND

Brig. Gen. Eugene H. Beebe	Dec. 15, 1944	March 1, 1945
Maj. Gen. St. Clair Streett	March 1, 1945	July 1, 1945
Gen. Henry H. Arnold	July 1, 1945	March 21, 1946
Gen. George C. Kenney	March 21, 1946	Oct. 18, 1948
Gen. Curtis E. LeMay	Oct. 19, 1948	June 30, 1957
Gen. Thomas S. Power	July 1, 1957	Nov. 30, 1964
Gen. John D. Ryan	Dec. 1, 1964	Jan. 31, 1967
Gen. Joseph J. Nazzaro	Feb. 1, 1967	July 28, 1968
Gen. Bruce K. Holloway	July 29, 1968	April 30, 1972
Gen. John C. Meyer	May 1, 1972	July 31, 1974
Gen. Russell E. Dougherty	Aug. 1, 1974	July 31, 1977
Gen. Richard H. Ellis	Aug. 1, 1977	July 31, 1981
Gen. Bennie L. Davis	Aug. 1, 1981	July 31, 1985
Gen. Larry D. Welch	Aug. 1, 1985	June 30, 1986
Gen. John T. Chain	July 1, 1986	Jan. 31, 1991
Gen. George L. Butler	Feb. 1, 1991	June 1, 1992

Established as Continental Air Forces Dec. 13, 1944. Redesignated Strategic Air Command March 21, 1946. Inactivated June 1, 1992. Redesignated and activated as Air Force Global Strike Command Aug. 7, 2009. For current leaders, see Air Force Global Strike Command in Major Command and ANG Leaders.

TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

Lt. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada	March 21, 1946	Nov. 24, 1948
Maj. Gen. Robert M. Lee	Nov. 24, 1948	July 8, 1950
Maj. Gen. Otto P. Weyland	July 8, 1950	July 17, 1950
Maj. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus	July 17, 1950	Jan. 25, 1951
Gen. John K. Cannon	Jan. 25, 1951	May 1, 1954
Gen. Otto P. Weyland	May 1, 1954	Aug. 1, 1959
Gen. Frank F. Everest	Aug. 1, 1959	Oct. 1, 1961
Gen. Walter C. Sweeney Jr.	Oct. 1, 1961	Aug. 1, 1965
Gen. Gabriel P. Disosway	Aug. 1, 1965	Aug. 1, 1968
Gen. William W. Momyer	Aug. 1, 1968	Oct. 1, 1973
Gen. Robert J. Dixon	Oct. 1, 1973	May 1, 1978
Gen. W. L. Creech	May 1, 1978	Sept. 28, 1984
Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley	Sept. 28, 1984	May 22, 1985
Gen. Robert D. Russ	May 22, 1985	March 26, 1991
Gen. John Michael Loh	March 26, 1991	June 1, 1992

Established as Tactical Air Command March 21, 1946. Lost majcom status and assigned to Continental Air Command Dec. 1, 1948. Returned to majcom status Dec. 1, 1950. Inactivated June 1, 1992. Consolidated with Air Combat Command. For current leaders, see Air Combat Command in Major Command and ANG Leaders.



Gen. Curtis LeMay (left), head of Strategic Air Command, and Gen. Otto Weyland, Far East Air Forces commander, in 1952.

US AIR FORCES SOUTHERN COMMAND / CARIBBEAN

Maj. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon	July 31, 1946	Oct. 3, 1947
Brig. Gen. Glen C. Jamison (acting)	Oct. 4, 1947	Nov. 12, 1947
Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale	Nov. 13, 1947	Oct. 19, 1949
Brig. Gen. Rosenham Beam	Oct. 20, 1949	Nov. 5, 1950
Brig. Gen. Emil C. Kiel	Nov. 6, 1950	June 10, 1953
Maj. Gen. Reuben C. Hood Jr.	June 11, 1953	June 16, 1956
Maj. Gen. Truman H. Landon	June 20, 1956	June 1, 1959
Maj. Gen. Leland S. Stranathan	Aug. 3, 1959	Sept. 8, 1963
Maj. Gen. Robert A. Breitweiser	Sept. 11, 1963	July 9, 1966
Maj. Gen. Reginald J. Clizbe	Aug. 6, 1966	June 14, 1968
Maj. Gen. Kenneth O. Sanborn	June 14, 1968	April 7, 1972
Maj. Gen. Arthur G. Salisbury	April 7, 1972	Oct. 31, 1974
Maj. Gen. James M. Breedlove	Oct. 31, 1974	Jan. 1, 1976

Antecedents: Panama Canal Air Force 1940; Caribbean Air Force 1941; Sixth Air Force 1942; Caribbean Air Command July 31, 1946; US Air Forces Southern Command July 8, 1963. Inactivated Jan. 1, 1976.

US STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE

Brig. Gen. Asa N. Duncan	Jan 28, 1942	May 5, 1942
Maj. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz	May 5, 1942	Dec. 1, 1942
Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker	Dec. 1, 1942	Jan. 6, 1944
Gen. Carl A. Spaatz	Jan. 6, 1944	June 3, 1945
Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon	June 3, 1945	June 13, 1945
Gen. Carl A. Spaatz	June 13, 1945	July 4, 1945
Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon	July 4, 1945	Aug. 7, 1945

Established as 8th Air Force Jan. 19, 1942. Redesignated Eighth Air Force Sept. 18, 1942; United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe Feb. 22, 1944; US Air Forces in Europe Aug. 7, 1945. For current leaders, see US Air Forces in Europe in the Major Command and ANG Leaders.

Headquarters DOD Leaders

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

James V. Forrestal	Sept. 17, 1947	March 28, 1949	Harold Brown	Jan. 21, 1977	Jan. 20, 1981
Louis A. Johnson	March 28, 1949	Sept. 19, 1950	Caspar W. Weinberger	Jan. 21, 1981	Nov. 23, 1987
George C. Marshall	Sept. 21, 1950	Sept. 12, 1951	Frank C. Carlucci	Nov. 23, 1987	Jan. 20, 1989
Robert A. Lovett	Sept. 17, 1951	Jan. 20, 1953	Richard B. Cheney	March 21, 1989	Jan. 20, 1993
Charles E. Wilson	Jan. 28, 1953	Oct. 8, 1957	Les Aspin	Jan. 21, 1993	Feb. 3, 1994
Neil H. McElroy	Oct. 9, 1957	Dec. 1, 1959	William J. Perry	Feb. 3, 1994	Jan. 23, 1997
Thomas S. Gates	Dec. 2, 1959	Jan. 20, 1961	William S. Cohen	Jan. 24, 1997	Jan. 20, 2001
Robert S. McNamara	Jan. 21, 1961	Feb. 29, 1968	Donald H. Rumsfeld	Jan. 20, 2001	Dec. 18, 2006
Clark M. Clifford	March 1, 1968	Jan. 20, 1969	Robert M. Gates	Dec. 18, 2006	July 1, 2011
Melvin R. Laird	Jan. 22, 1969	Jan. 29, 1973	Leon E. Panetta	July 1, 2011	Feb. 27, 2013
Elliot L. Richardson	Jan. 30, 1973	May 24, 1973	Chuck Hagel	Feb. 27, 2013	Feb. 17, 2015
James R. Schlesinger	July 2, 1973	Nov. 19, 1975	Ashton B. Carter	Feb. 17, 2015	Jan. 19, 2017
Donald H. Rumsfeld	Nov. 20, 1975	Jan. 20, 1977	James N. Mattis	Jan. 20, 2017	

CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Gen. of the Army Omar N. Bradley	Aug. 16, 1949	Aug. 15, 1953	Adm. William J. Crowe Jr., USN	Oct. 1, 1985	Sept. 30, 1989
Adm. Arthur W. Radford, USN	Aug. 15, 1953	Aug. 15, 1957	Gen. Colin L. Powell, USA	Oct. 1, 1989	Sept. 30, 1993
Gen. Nathan F. Twining, USAF	Aug. 15, 1957	Sept. 30, 1960	Adm. David Jeremiah, USN (acting)	Oct. 1, 1993	Oct. 24, 1993
Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, USA	Oct. 1, 1960	Sept. 30, 1962	Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA	Oct. 25, 1993	Sept. 30, 1997
Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, USA	Oct. 1, 1962	July 1, 1964	Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA	Oct. 1, 1997	Oct. 1, 2001
Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, USA	July 3, 1964	July 2, 1970	Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF	Oct. 1, 2001	Sept. 30, 2005
Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, USN	July 2, 1970	July 1, 1974	Gen. Peter Pace, USMC	Sept. 30, 2005	Oct. 1, 2007
Gen. George S. Brown, USAF	July 1, 1974	June 20, 1978	Adm. Michael G. Mullen, USN	Oct. 1, 2007	Sept. 30, 2011
Gen. David C. Jones, USAF	June 21, 1978	June 18, 1982	Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, USA	Sept. 30, 2011	Sept. 25, 2015
Gen. John W. Vessey Jr., USA	June 18, 1982	Sept. 30, 1985	Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., USMC	Sept. 25, 2015	

VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Gen. Robert T. Herres, USAF	Feb. 6, 1987	Feb. 28, 1990	Gen. Peter Pace, USMC	Oct. 1, 2001	Aug. 12, 2005
Adm. David E. Jeremiah, USN	March 1, 1990	Feb. 28, 1994	Adm. Edmund Giambastiani Jr., USN	Aug. 12, 2005	Aug. 3, 2007
Adm. William A. Owens, USN	March 1, 1994	Feb. 27, 1996	Gen. James E. Cartwright, USMC	Aug. 4, 2007	Aug. 4, 2011
Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF	March 1, 1996	Feb. 29, 2000	Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr., USN	Aug. 4, 2011	July 31, 2015
Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF	March 1, 2000	Oct. 1, 2001	Gen. Paul J. Selva, USAF	July 31, 2015	



The Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1997 (left to right): Air Force Gen. Joseph Ralston, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Army Gen. Henry Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Dennis Reimer, Army Chief of Staff; Gen. Charles Krulak, Marine Corps Commandant; Adm. Jay Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force Chief of Staff.

Unified Command, National Guard Bureau, and NORAD Leaders

This section presents the leaders of DOD's unified commands, the National Guard Bureau, and NORAD under the current designation. Leaders of historic DOD commands (and of active commands' previous designations) are listed in the next section.



Gen. Joseph Dunford, then International Security Assistance Force commander (left), and Gen. James Mattis, then CENTCOM commander, in Afghanistan in 2013.



NORAD and NORTHCOM commander Gen. Lori Robinson (right) is briefed by a customs and border patrol official.

US AFRICA COMMAND

Gen. William E. Ward, USA	Oct. 1, 2008	March 9, 2011
Gen. Carter F. Ham, USA	March 9, 2011	April 5, 2013
Gen. David M. Rodriguez, USA	April 5, 2013	July 18, 2016
Gen. Thomas D. Waldhauser, USMC	July 18, 2016	

US CENTRAL COMMAND

Gen. Robert C. Kingston, USA	Jan. 1, 1983	Nov. 27, 1985
Gen. George B. Crist, USMC	Nov. 27, 1985	Nov. 23, 1988
Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, USA	Nov. 23, 1988	Aug. 9, 1991
Gen. Joseph P. Hoar, USMC	Aug. 9, 1991	Aug. 5, 1994
Gen. J. H. Binford Peay III, USA	Aug. 5, 1994	Aug. 13, 1997
Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC	Aug. 13, 1997	July 6, 2000
Gen. Tommy R. Franks, USA	July 6, 2000	July 7, 2003
Gen. John P. Abizaid, USA	July 7, 2003	March 16, 2007
Adm. William J. Fallon, USN	March 16, 2007	March 31, 2008
Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey, USA (acting)	March 31, 2008	Oct. 31, 2008
Gen. David H. Petraeus, USA	Oct. 31, 2008	June 30, 2010
Lt. Gen. John R. Allen, USMC (acting)	June 30, 2010	Aug. 11, 2010
Gen. James N. Mattis, USMC	Aug. 11, 2010	March 22, 2013
Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, USA	March 22, 2013	March 30, 2016
Gen. Joseph L. Votel, USA	March 30, 2016	

US EUROPEAN COMMAND

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, USA	Aug. 1, 1952	July 11, 1953
Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, USA	July 11, 1953	Nov. 20, 1956
Gen. Lauris Norstad, USAF	Nov. 20, 1956	Nov. 1, 1962
Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, USA	Nov. 1, 1962	May 5, 1969
Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, USA	May 5, 1969	Nov. 1, 1974
Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., USA	Nov. 1, 1974	June 27, 1979
Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, USA	June 27, 1979	June 25, 1987
Gen. John R. Galvin, USA	June 25, 1987	June 23, 1992
Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA	June 23, 1992	Oct. 21, 1993
Gen. George A. Joulwan, USA	Oct. 21, 1993	July 10, 1997
Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA	July 10, 1997	May 2, 2000
Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF	May 2, 2000	Jan. 16, 2003
Gen. James L. Jones, USMC	Jan. 16, 2003	Dec. 4, 2006
Gen. Bantz J. Craddock, USA	Dec. 4, 2006	June 30, 2009
Adm. James G. Stavridis, USN	June 30, 2009	May 10, 2013
Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, USAF	May 10, 2013	May 3, 2016
Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA	May 3, 2016	

US NORTHERN COMMAND

Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF	Oct. 1, 2002	Nov. 5, 2004
Adm. Timothy J. Keating, USN	Nov. 5, 2004	March 23, 2007
Gen. Victor E. Renuart Jr., USAF	March 23, 2007	May 19, 2010
Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr., USN	May 19, 2010	Aug. 4, 2011
Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., USA	Aug. 4, 2011	Dec. 5, 2014
Adm. William E. Gortney, USN	Dec. 5, 2014	May 13, 2016
Gen. Lori J. Robinson, USAF	May 13, 2016	

US PACIFIC COMMAND

Adm. John H. Towers, USN	Jan. 1, 1947	Feb. 28, 1947
Adm. Louis E. Denfeld, USN	Feb. 28, 1947	Dec. 3, 1947
Adm. Dewitt C. Ramsey, USN	Dec. 3, 1947	April 30, 1949
Adm. Arthur W. Radford, USN	April 30, 1949	July 10, 1953
Adm. Felix B. Stump, USN	July 10, 1953	July 31, 1958
Adm. Harry D. Felt, USN	July 31, 1958	June 30, 1964
Adm. U. S. Grant Sharp, USN	June 30, 1964	July 31, 1968
Adm. John S. McCain Jr., USN	July 31, 1968	Sept. 1, 1972
Adm. Noel A. M. Gayler, USN	Sept. 1, 1972	Aug. 30, 1976
Adm. Maurice E. Weisner, USN	Aug. 30, 1976	Oct. 31, 1979
Adm. Robert L. J. Long, USN	Oct. 31, 1979	July 1, 1983
Adm. William J. Crowe Jr., USN	July 1, 1983	Sept. 18, 1985
Adm. Ronald J. Hays Jr., USN	Sept. 18, 1985	Sept. 30, 1988
Adm. Huntington Hardisty, USN	Sept. 30, 1988	March 1, 1991
Adm. Charles R. Larson, USN	March 1, 1991	July 11, 1994
Lt. Gen. Harold Fields, USA (acting)	July 11, 1994	July 19, 1994
Adm. Richard C. Macke, USN	July 19, 1994	Jan. 31, 1996
Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, USN	Jan. 31, 1996	Feb. 20, 1999
Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN	Feb. 20, 1999	May 2, 2002
Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, USN	May 2, 2002	Feb. 26, 2005
Adm. William J. Fallon, USN	Feb. 26, 2005	March 12, 2007
Lt. Gen. Daniel Leaf, USAF (acting)	March 12, 2007	March 26, 2007
Adm. Timothy J. Keating, USN	March 26, 2007	Oct. 19, 2009
Adm. Robert F. Willard, USN	Oct. 19, 2009	March 9, 2012
Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III, USN	March 9, 2012	May 27, 2015
Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., USN	May 27, 2015	

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US SOUTHERN COMMAND

Gen. Andrew P. O'Meara, USA	June 6, 1963	Feb. 22, 1965
Gen. Robert W. Porter Jr., USA	Feb. 22, 1965	Feb. 18, 1969
Gen. George R. Mather, USA	Feb. 18, 1969	Sept. 20, 1971
Gen. George V. Underwood, USA	Sept. 20, 1971	Jan. 17, 1973
Gen. William B. Rosson, USA	Jan. 17, 1973	Aug. 1, 1975
Lt. Gen. Dennis P. McAuliffe, USA	Aug. 1, 1975	Oct. 1, 1979
Lt. Gen. Wallace H. Nutting, USA	Oct. 1, 1979	May 24, 1983
Gen. Paul F. Gorman, USA	May 24, 1983	March 1, 1985
Gen. John R. Galvin, USA	March 1, 1985	June 6, 1987
Gen. Fred F. Woerner, USA	June 6, 1987	Oct. 1, 1989
Gen. Maxwell R. Thurman, USA	Oct. 1, 1989	Nov. 21, 1990
Gen. George A. Joulwan, USA	Nov. 21, 1990	October 1993
Maj. Gen. W. Worthington, USAF (acting)	October 1993	Feb. 17, 1994
Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, USA	Feb. 17, 1994	March 1, 1996
RAdm. James Perkins, USN (acting)	March 1, 1996	June 26, 1996
Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA	June 26, 1996	July 13, 1997
RAdm. Walter F. Doran, USN (acting)	July 13, 1997	Sept. 25, 1997
Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC	Sept. 25, 1997	Sept. 8, 2000
Gen. Peter Pace, USMC	Sept. 8, 2000	Sept. 30, 2001
Maj. Gen. G. D. Speer, USA (acting)	Sept. 30, 2001	Aug. 18, 2002
Gen. James T. Hill, USA	Aug. 18, 2002	Nov. 9, 2004
Gen. Bantz J. Craddock, USA	Nov. 9, 2004	Oct. 19, 2006
Adm. James G. Stavridis, USN	Oct. 19, 2006	June 25, 2009
Gen. Douglas M. Fraser, USAF	June 25, 2009	Nov. 19, 2012
Gen. John F. Kelly, USMC	Nov. 19, 2012	Jan. 14, 2016
Adm. Kurt W. Tidd, USN	Jan. 14, 2016	

Formerly US Caribbean Command Nov. 1, 1947. Redesignated June 6, 1963.
For historical leaders, see US Caribbean Command in Historic Unified Command Leaders section.

US SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

Gen. James J. Lindsay, USA	April 16, 1987	June 27, 1990
Gen. Carl W. Stiner, USA	June 27, 1990	May 20, 1993
Gen. Wayne A. Downing, USA	May 20, 1993	Feb. 29, 1996
Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA	Feb. 29, 1996	Sept. 25, 1997
Gen. Peter J. Schoemaker, USA	Nov. 5, 1997	Oct. 27, 2000
Gen. Charles R. Holland, USAF	Oct. 27, 2000	Sept. 2, 2003
Gen. Bryan D. Brown, USA	Sept. 2, 2003	July 9, 2007
Adm. Eric T. Olson, USN	July 9, 2007	Aug. 15, 2011
Adm. William H. McRaven, USN	Aug. 15, 2011	Aug. 28, 2014
Gen. Joseph L. Votel, USA	Aug. 28, 2014	March 30, 2016
Gen. Raymond A. Thomas, USA	March 30, 2016	

US STRATEGIC COMMAND

Gen. George L. Butler, USAF	June 1, 1992	Feb. 13, 1994
Adm. Henry G. Chiles Jr., USN	Feb. 14, 1994	Feb. 21, 1996
Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF	Feb. 22, 1996	June 25, 1998
Adm. Richard W. Mies, USN	June 26, 1998	Nov. 30, 2001
Adm. James O. Ellis Jr., USN	Nov. 30, 2001	July 9, 2004
Gen. James E. Cartwright, USMC	July 9, 2004	Aug. 10, 2007
Lt. Gen. Robert Kehler, USAF (acting)	Aug. 10, 2007	Oct. 3, 2007
Gen. Kevin P. Chilton, USAF	Oct. 3, 2007	Jan. 28, 2011
Gen. Robert Kehler, USAF	Jan. 28, 2011	Nov. 15, 2013
Adm. Cecil D. Haney, USN	Nov. 15, 2013	Nov. 3, 2016
Gen. John E. Hyten, USAF	Nov. 3, 2016	

Merged the functions of US Space Command into US Strategic Command Oct. 1, 2002.

US TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

Gen. Duane H. Cassidy, USAF	July 1, 1987	Sept. 21, 1989
Gen. H. T. Johnson, USAF	Sept. 22, 1989	Aug. 24, 1992
Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, USAF	Aug. 25, 1992	Oct. 17, 1994
Gen. Robert L. Rutherford, USAF	Oct. 18, 1994	July 14, 1996
Gen. Walter Kross, USAF	July 15, 1996	Aug. 2, 1998
Gen. Charles T. Robertson Jr., USAF	Aug. 3, 1998	Nov. 5, 2001
Gen. John W. Handy, USAF	Nov. 5, 2001	Sept. 7, 2005
Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, USAF	Sept. 7, 2005	Aug. 11, 2008
VAdm. Ann E. Rondeau, USN (acting)	Aug. 12, 2008	Sept. 4, 2008
Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, USAF	Sept. 5, 2008	Oct. 14, 2011
Gen. William M. Fraser III, USAF	Oct. 14, 2011	May 5, 2014
Gen. Paul J. Selva, USAF	May 5, 2014	July 31, 2015
VAdm. William Brown, USN (acting)	July 31, 2015	Aug. 26, 2015
Gen. Darren W. McDew, USAF	Aug. 26, 2015	

NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

Maj. Gen. Butler B. Miltonberger, USA	Feb. 1, 1946	Sept. 29, 1947
Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer, USA	Sept. 30, 1947	Sept. 4, 1950
Maj. Gen. Raymond H. Fleming, USA	Sept. 5, 1950	Feb. 15, 1953
Maj. Gen. Earl T. Ricks, USAF (acting)	Feb. 16, 1953	June 21, 1953
Maj. Gen. Edgar C. Erickson, USA	June 22, 1953	May 31, 1959
Maj. Gen. Winston P. Wilson, USAF (acting)	June 1, 1959	July 19, 1959
Maj. Gen. Donald W. McGowan, USA	July 20, 1959	Aug. 30, 1963
Maj. Gen. Winston P. Wilson, USAF	Aug. 31, 1963	Aug. 31, 1971
Maj. Gen. Francis S. Greenlief, USA	Sept. 1, 1971	June 23, 1974
Lt. Gen. La Vern E. Weber, USA	Aug. 16, 1974	Aug. 15, 1982
Lt. Gen. Emmett H. Walker Jr., USA	Aug. 16, 1982	Aug. 15, 1986
Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple Jr., USA	Aug. 16, 1986	Jan. 31, 1990
Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway, USAF	Feb. 1, 1990	Dec. 1, 1993
Maj. Gen. Raymond Rees, USA (acting)	Jan. 1, 1994	July 31, 1994
Lt. Gen. Edward D. Baca, USA	Oct. 1, 1994	July 31, 1998
Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis, USAF	Aug. 4, 1998	Aug. 3, 2002
Maj. Gen. Raymond Rees, USA (acting)	Aug. 4, 2002	April 10, 2003
Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, USA	April 11, 2003	Nov. 16, 2008
Gen. Craig R. McKinley, USAF	Nov. 17, 2008	Sept. 7, 2012
Gen. Frank J. Grass, USA	Sept. 7, 2012	Aug. 3, 2016
Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel, USAF	Aug. 3, 2016	

Served as acting chief: Fleming until Aug. 14, 1951.

NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND

Gen. Earle E. Partridge, USAF	Sept. 12, 1957	July 30, 1959
Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, USAF	Aug. 1, 1959	July 30, 1962
Gen. John K. Gerhart, USAF	Aug. 1, 1962	March 30, 1965
Gen. Dean C. Strother, USAF	April 1, 1965	July 29, 1966
Gen. Raymond J. Reeves, USAF	Aug. 1, 1966	July 31, 1969
Gen. Seth J. McKee, USAF	Aug. 1, 1969	Sept. 30, 1973
Gen. Lucius D. Clay Jr., USAF	Oct. 1, 1973	Aug. 29, 1975
Gen. Daniel James Jr., USAF	Sept. 1, 1975	Dec. 5, 1977
Gen. James E. Hill, USAF	Dec. 6, 1977	Dec. 31, 1979
Gen. James V. Hartinger, USAF	Jan. 1, 1980	July 30, 1984
Gen. Robert T. Herres, USAF	July 30, 1984	Feb. 5, 1987
Gen. John L. Piotrowski, USAF	Feb. 6, 1987	March 30, 1990
Gen. Donald J. Kutyna, USAF	April 1, 1990	June 30, 1992
Gen. Charles A. Horner, USAF	June 30, 1992	Sept. 12, 1994
Gen. Joseph W. Ashy, USAF	Sept. 13, 1994	Aug. 26, 1996
Gen. Howell M. Estes III, USAF	Aug. 27, 1996	Aug. 13, 1998
Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF	Aug. 14, 1998	Feb. 22, 2000
Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF	Feb. 22, 2000	Nov. 5, 2004
Adm. Timothy J. Keating, USN	Nov. 5, 2004	March 23, 2007
Gen. Victor E. Renuart Jr., USAF	March 23, 2007	May 19, 2010
Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr., USN	May 19, 2010	Aug. 4, 2011
Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., USA	Aug. 4, 2011	Dec. 5, 2014
Adm. William E. Gortney, USN	Dec. 5, 2014	May 13, 2016
Gen. Lori J. Robinson, USAF	May 13, 2016	

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ALASKAN COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Howard A. Craig, USAF	Jan. 1, 1947	Oct. 17, 1947
Lt. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, USAF	Oct. 17, 1947	July 1, 1950
Lt. Gen. William E. Kepner, USAF	July 1, 1950	March 1, 1953
Lt. Gen. Joseph A. Atkinson, USAF	March 1, 1953	Oct. 1, 1956
Lt. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr., USAF	Oct. 1, 1956	Aug. 1, 1961
Lt. Gen. George W. Mundy, USAF	Aug. 1, 1961	Aug. 1, 1963
Lt. Gen. Raymond J. Reeves, USAF	Aug. 1, 1963	July 28, 1966
Lt. Gen. Glen R. Birchard, USAF	July 28, 1966	June 29, 1967
Lt. Gen. Robert A. Breitweiser, USAF	June 29, 1967	Aug. 1, 1969
Lt. Gen. Robert G. Ruegg, USAF	Aug. 1, 1969	Aug. 1, 1972
Lt. Gen. James C. Sherrill, USAF	Aug. 1, 1972	Sept. 1, 1974
Lt. Gen. James E. Hill, USAF	Sept. 1, 1974	July 1, 1975

Disestablished July 1, 1975.

CONTINENTAL AIR DEFENSE COMMAND

Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw, USAF	Sept. 1, 1954	July 1, 1955
Gen. Earle E. Partridge, USAF	July 1, 1955	Aug. 1, 1959
Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, USAF	Aug. 1, 1959	Aug. 1, 1960
Gen. John K. Gerhart, USAF	Aug. 1, 1960	April 1, 1965
Gen. Dean C. Strother, USAF	April 1, 1965	Aug. 1, 1966
Gen. Raymond J. Reeves, USAF	Aug. 1, 1966	Aug. 1, 1969
Gen. Seth J. McKee, USAF	Aug. 1, 1969	Oct. 1, 1973
Gen. Lucius D. Clay Jr., USAF	Oct. 1, 1973	June 30, 1975

Disestablished June 30, 1975. Established as specified command, Aerospace Defense Command, July 1, 1975. ADCOM disestablished Dec. 19, 1986.

EUROPEAN COMMAND

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, USA	March 15, 1947	Aug. 23, 1949
Gen. Thomas T. Handy, USA	Aug. 23, 1949	Aug. 1, 1952

Redesignated US Army Europe as Army component of new US European Command Aug. 1, 1952.

FAR EAST COMMAND

Gen. of the Army Douglas MacArthur, USA	Jan. 1, 1947	April 11, 1951
Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, USA	April 11, 1951	May 9, 1952
Gen. Mark W. Clark, USA	May 9, 1952	Oct. 5, 1953
Gen. John E. Hull, USA	Oct. 5, 1953	April 1, 1955
Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, USA	April 1, 1955	June 5, 1955
Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, USA	June 5, 1955	July 1, 1957

Disestablished July 1, 1957. Functions assumed by US Pacific Command.

NORTHEAST COMMAND

Maj. Gen. Lyman P. Whitten, USAF	Oct. 1, 1950	March 20, 1952
Lt. Gen. Charles T. Myers, USAF	March 20, 1952	July 26, 1954
Lt. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus, USAF	July 26, 1954	Sept. 1, 1956

Disestablished Sept. 1, 1956.

US CARIBBEAN COMMAND

Lt. Gen. Willis D. Crittenberger, USA	Nov. 1, 1947	June 28, 1948
Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, USA	June 28, 1948	Oct. 1, 1949
Lt. Gen. William H. H. Morris, USA	Oct. 1, 1949	April 1, 1952
Lt. Gen. Horace L. McBride, USA	April 1, 1952	June 15, 1954
Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr., USA	June 15, 1954	Jan. 5, 1957
Lt. Gen. Robert M. Montague, USA	Jan. 5, 1957	Feb. 20, 1958
Maj. Gen. Truman Landon, USAF (acting)	Feb. 20, 1958	April 1, 1958
Lt. Gen. Ridgely Gaither, USA	April 1, 1958	July 15, 1960
Lt. Gen. Robert F. Sink, USA	July 15, 1960	Feb. 1, 1961
Gen. Andrew P. O'Meara, USA	Feb. 1, 1961	June 6, 1963

Redesignated US Southern Command June 6, 1963.

US JOINT FORCES COMMAND

Adm. William H. P. Blandy, USN	Dec. 1, 1947	Feb. 1, 1950
Adm. William M. Fechteler, USN	Feb. 1, 1950	Aug. 15, 1951
Adm. Lynde D. McCormick, USN	Aug. 15, 1951	April 12, 1954
Adm. Jerauld Wright, USN	April 12, 1954	Feb. 28, 1960
Adm. Robert L. Dennison, USN	Feb. 28, 1960	April 30, 1963
Adm. Harold P. Smith, USN	April 30, 1963	April 30, 1965
Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, USN	April 30, 1965	June 17, 1967
Adm. Ephraim P. Holmes, USN	June 17, 1967	Sept. 30, 1970
Adm. Charles K. Duncan, USN	Sept. 30, 1970	Oct. 31, 1972
Adm. Ralph W. Cousins, USN	Oct. 31, 1972	May 30, 1975
Adm. Isaac C. Kidd Jr., USN	May 30, 1975	Sept. 30, 1978
Adm. Harry D. Train II, USN	Sept. 30, 1978	Sept. 30, 1982
Adm. Wesley D. McDonald, USN	Sept. 30, 1982	Nov. 27, 1985
Adm. Lee Baggett Jr., USN	Nov. 27, 1985	Nov. 22, 1988
Adm. Frank B. Kelso II, USN	Nov. 22, 1988	May 18, 1990
Adm. Leon A. Edney, USN	May 18, 1990	July 13, 1992
Adm. Paul D. Miller, USN	July 13, 1992	Oct. 31, 1994
Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC	Oct. 31, 1994	Sept. 24, 1997
Adm. Harold W. Gehman Jr., USN	Sept. 24, 1997	Sept. 5, 2000
Gen. William F. Kernan, USA	Sept. 5, 2000	Oct. 2, 2002
Adm. Edmund Giambastiani Jr., USN	Oct. 2, 2002	Aug. 1, 2005
Lt. Gen. Robert Wagner, USA (acting)	Aug. 1, 2005	Nov. 10, 2005
Gen. Lance L. Smith, USAF	Nov. 10, 2005	Nov. 9, 2007
Gen. James N. Mattis, USMC	Nov. 9, 2007	Aug. 8, 2010
Lt. Gen. Keith L. Huber, USA (acting)	Aug. 8, 2010	Oct. 29, 2010
Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, USA	Oct. 29, 2010	Aug. 4, 2011

Formerly US Atlantic Command, established Dec. 1, 1947. Redesignated US Joint Forces Command Oct. 7, 1999. Disestablished Aug. 4, 2011.

US READINESS COMMAND

Gen. Paul D. Adams, USA	Oct. 9, 1961	Nov. 1, 1966
Gen. Theodore J. Conway, USA	Nov. 1, 1966	Aug. 1, 1969
Gen. John L. Throckmorton, USA	Aug. 1, 1969	Feb. 1, 1973
Gen. Bruce Palmer Jr., USA	Feb. 1, 1973	Dec. 9, 1974
Gen. John J. Hennessey, USA	Dec. 9, 1974	Aug. 1, 1979
Gen. Volney F. Warner, USA	Aug. 1, 1979	Aug. 1, 1981
Gen. Donn A. Stary, USA	Aug. 1, 1981	June 22, 1983
Gen. Wallace H. Nutting, USA	June 22, 1983	June 28, 1985
Gen. Fred K. Mahaffey, USA	June 28, 1985	Sept. 30, 1986
Lt. Gen. Harry Goodall, USAF (acting)	Sept. 30, 1986	Oct. 10, 1986
Gen. James J. Lindsay, USA	Oct. 10, 1986	Sept. 30, 1987

Assumed functions of US Strike Command, which was established December 1961 and disestablished Dec. 31, 1971. US Readiness Command disestablished Sept. 30, 1987.

US SPACE COMMAND

Gen. Robert T. Herres, USAF	Sept. 23, 1985	Feb. 5, 1987
Gen. John L. Piotrowski, USAF	Feb. 6, 1987	March 30, 1990
Gen. Donald J. Kutyna, USAF	April 1, 1990	June 30, 1992
Gen. Charles A. Horner, USAF	June 30, 1992	Sept. 12, 1994
Gen. Joseph W. Ashy, USAF	Sept. 13, 1994	Aug. 26, 1996
Gen. Howell M. Estes III, USAF	Aug. 27, 1996	Aug. 13, 1998
Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF	Aug. 14, 1998	Feb. 22, 2000
Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF	Feb. 22, 2000	Oct. 1, 2002

Disestablished Oct. 1, 2002. Functions assumed by US Strategic Command.