

W. Stuart Symington, left, first Secretary of the U.S. Air Force and Gen. Carl Spaatz, first Air Force Chief of Staff, at a press conference announcing the new organizational set-up for the new Department of the Air Force in 1947.

AIR FORCE LEADERS THROUGH THE YEARS

USAF

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^d Sept. 18, 1947			
Chief of Staff	Gen. Carl A. Spaatz	Sept. 26, 1947	April 29, 1948

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

^b The 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.

^c The 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.

^d For U.S. Space Force lineage, see p. 75.

Air Force Leaders

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

Stuart Symington	Sept. 18, 1947	April 24, 1950	Donald B. Rice	May 22, 1989	Jan. 20, 1993
Thomas K. Finletter	April 24, 1950	Jan. 20, 1953	Michael B. Donley (acting)	Jan. 20, 1993	July 13, 1993
Harold E. Talbott	Feb. 4, 1953	Aug. 13, 1955	Gen. Merrill A. McPeak (acting)	July 14, 1993	Aug. 5, 1993
Donald A. Quarles	Aug. 15, 1955	April 30, 1957	Sheila E. Widnall	Aug. 6, 1993	Oct. 31, 1997
James H. Douglas Jr.	May 1, 1957	Dec. 10, 1959	F. Whitten Peters*	Nov. 1, 1997	Jan. 20, 2001
Dudley C. Sharp	Dec. 11, 1959	Jan. 20, 1961	Lawrence J. Delaney (acting)	Jan. 20, 2001	June 1, 2001
Eugene M. Zuckert	Jan. 23, 1961	Sept. 30, 1965	James G. Roche	June 1, 2001	Jan. 20, 2005
Harold Brown	Oct. 1, 1965	Feb. 14, 1969	Peter B. Teets (acting)	Jan. 20, 2005	March 25, 2005
Robert C. Seamans Jr.	Feb. 15, 1969	May 14, 1973	Michael L. Dominguez (acting)	March 25, 2005	July 29, 2005
John L. McLucas*	May 15, 1973	Nov. 23, 1975	Preston M. Geren (acting)	July 29, 2005	Nov. 3, 2005
James W. Plummer (acting)	Nov. 23, 1975	Jan. 2, 1976	Michael W. Wynne	Nov. 3, 2005	June 20, 2008
Thomas C. Reed	Jan. 2, 1976	April 6, 1977	Michael B. Donley*	June 21, 2008	June 21, 2013
John C. Stetson	April 6, 1977	May 18, 1979	Eric K. Fanning (acting)	June 21, 2013	Dec. 20, 2013
Hans M. Mark*	May 18, 1979	Feb. 9, 1981	Deborah Lee James	Dec. 20, 2013	Jan. 19, 2017
Verne Orr	Feb. 9, 1981	Nov. 30, 1985	Lisa S. Disbrow (acting)	Jan. 20, 2017	May 16, 2017
Russell A. Rourke	Dec. 6, 1985	April 7, 1986	Heather A. Wilson	May 16, 2017	May 31, 2019
Edward C. Aldridge Jr.*	April 8, 1986	Dec. 16, 1988	Matthew P. Donovan (acting)	June 1, 2019	Oct. 16, 2019
James F. McGovern (acting)	Dec. 16, 1988	April 29, 1989	Barbara M. Barrett	Oct. 16, 2019	Jan. 20, 2021
John J. Welch Jr. (acting)	April 29, 1989	May 21, 1989	John P. Roth (acting)	Jan. 20, 2021	July 28, 2021
			Frank Kendall III	July 28, 2021	

*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. John Michael Loh (acting)	Sept. 18, 1990	Oct. 27, 1990
Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg	April 30, 1948	June 29, 1953	Gen. Merrill A. McPeak	Oct. 27, 1990	Oct. 25, 1994
Gen. Nathan F. Twining	June 30, 1953	June 30, 1957	Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman	Oct. 25, 1994	Sept. 1, 1997
Gen. Thomas D. White	July 1, 1957	June 30, 1961	Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart (acting)	Sept. 1, 1997	Oct. 6, 1997
Gen. Curtis E. LeMay	June 30, 1961	Jan. 31, 1965	Gen. Michael E. Ryan	Oct. 6, 1997	Sept. 6, 2001
Gen. John P. McConnell	Feb. 1, 1965	July 31, 1969	Gen. John P. Jumper	Sept. 6, 2001	Sept. 2, 2005
Gen. John D. Ryan	Aug. 1, 1969	July 31, 1973	Gen. T. Michael Moseley	Sept. 2, 2005	July 12, 2008
Gen. George S. Brown	Aug. 1, 1973	June 30, 1974	Gen. Duncan J. McNabb (acting)	July 12, 2008	Aug. 12, 2008
Gen. David C. Jones	July 1, 1974	June 20, 1978	Gen. Norton A. Schwartz	Aug. 12, 2008	Aug. 10, 2012
Gen. Lew Allen Jr.	July 1, 1978	June 30, 1982	Gen. Mark A. Welsh III	Aug. 10, 2012	July 1, 2016
Gen. Charles A. Gabriel	July 1, 1982	June 30, 1986	Gen. David L. Goldfein*	July 1, 2016	Aug. 6, 2020
Gen. Larry D. Welch	July 1, 1986	June 30, 1990	Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr.	Aug. 6, 2020	
Gen. Michael J. Dugan	July 1, 1990	Sept. 17, 1990			

*Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr. was confirmed to be USAF Chief of Staff on June 9, 2020.

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	Nov. 16, 2020
Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley	June 1, 1982	Oct. 5, 1983	Gen. David W. Allvin	Nov. 16, 2020	

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT OF THE AIR FORCE

CMSAF Paul W. Airey	April 3, 1967	July 31, 1969	CMSAF David J. Campanale	Oct. 26, 1994	Nov. 4, 1996
CMSAF Donald L. Harlow	Aug. 1, 1969	Sept. 30, 1971	CMSAF Eric W. Benken	Nov. 5, 1996	July 30, 1999
CMSAF Richard D. Kisling	Oct. 1, 1971	Sept. 30, 1973	CMSAF Frederick J. Finch	July 30, 1999	July 1, 2002
CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes	Oct. 1, 1973	July 31, 1977	CMSAF Gerald R. Murray	July 1, 2002	June 30, 2006
CMSAF Robert D. Gaylor	Aug. 1, 1977	July 31, 1979	CMSAF Rodney J. McKinley	June 30, 2006	June 30, 2009
CMSAF James M. McCoy	Aug. 1, 1979	July 31, 1981	CMSAF James A. Roy	June 30, 2009	Jan. 24, 2013
CMSAF Arthur L. Andrews	Aug. 1, 1981	July 31, 1983	CMSAF James A. Cody	Jan. 24, 2013	Feb. 17, 2017
CMSAF Sam E. Parish	Aug. 1, 1983	June 30, 1986	CMSAF Kaleth O. Wright	Feb. 17, 2017	Aug. 14, 2020
CMSAF James C. Binnicker	July 1, 1986	July 31, 1990	CMSAF JoAnne S. Bass	Aug. 14, 2020	
CMSAF Gary R. Pflugston	Aug. 1, 1990	Oct. 25, 1994			

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 online.**

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. Gilmory 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	Aug. 28, 2020
Gen. Mark D. Kelly	Aug. 28, 2020	

For past leaders, see Tactical Air Command in Historic Major Command Leaders.

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	Nov. 16, 2017
Lt. Gen. Steven L. Kwast	Nov. 16, 2017	July 26, 2019
Lt. Gen. Marshall B. Webb	July 26, 2019	

For past leaders see Air Training Command in Historic Major Command Leaders.

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	Aug. 21, 2018
Gen. Timothy M. Ray	Aug. 21, 2018	Aug. 27, 2021
Gen. Anthony J. Cotton	Aug. 27, 2021	

For past leaders, see Strategic Air Command in Historic Major Command leaders.

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	Sept. 1, 2018
Lt. Gen. Robert D. McMurry Jr. (interim)	Sept. 1, 2018	May 31, 2019
Gen. Arnold W. Bunch Jr.	May 31, 2019	June 13, 2022
Lt. Gen. Duke Z. Richardson	June 13, 2022	

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	Sept. 7, 2018
Lt. Gen. Richard W. Scobee	Sept. 7, 2018	

For past leaders, see Air Force Reserve in Historic Major Command Leaders.

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	May 31, 2019
Lt. Gen. James C. Slife	June 1, 2019	

On Dec. 20, 2019, Air Force Space Command was redesignated U.S. Space Force, and Gen. John W. Raymond became Chief of Space Operations, USSF.

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	Sept. 7, 2018
Gen. Maryanne Miller	Sept. 7, 2018	Aug. 20, 2020
Gen. Jacqueline D. Van Ovost	Aug. 20, 2020	Oct. 5, 2021
Gen. Michael A. Minihan	Oct. 5, 2021	

For past leaders, see Military Airlift Command in Historic Major Command Leaders.

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. 28, 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	July 28, 2020
Lt. Gen. Michael A. Loh	July 28, 2020	

MAJOR COMMAND AND ANG LEADERS (continued)

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	May 20, 2018
Lt. Gen. Jerry P. Martinez (acting)	May 20, 2018	July 26, 2018
Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr.	July 26, 2018	July 8, 2020
Gen. Kenneth S. Wilsbach	July 8, 2020	

*For past leaders, see Far East Air Forces in Historic Major Command Leaders.

U.S. AIR FORCES IN EUROPE-AIR FORCES AFRICA

Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon	Aug. 7, 1945	Aug. 14, 1947
Brig. Gen. John F. McBlain (acting)	Aug. 14, 1947	Oct. 20, 1947



Gen. Jerome O'Malley, then Commander in Chief of Pacific Air Forces (CINCPACAF), inspects the cockpit of an F-16 Fighting Falcon. O'Malley served as chief in the mid 1980s.



Staff Sgt. Jerry Freshman

Gen. Mark Welsh, then U.S. Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) commander, left, with Chief Master Sgt. David Williamson during an all-call at RAF Mildenhall in 2011. Welsh went on to become U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff in 2012.

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. (acting)	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. Phillip 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	May 1, 2019
Gen. Jeffrey L. Harrigian	May 1, 2019	

For past leaders, see U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe in Historic Major Command Leaders.

HEADQUARTERS DOD LEADERS

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE					
James V. Forrestal	Sept. 17, 1947	March 28, 1949	Frank C. Carlucci	Nov. 23, 1987	Jan. 20, 1989
Louis A. Johnson	March 28, 1949	Sept. 19, 1950	Richard B. Cheney	March 21, 1989	Jan. 20, 1993
George C. Marshall	Sept. 21, 1950	Sept. 12, 1951	Les Aspin	Jan. 21, 1993	Feb. 3, 1994
Robert A. Lovett	Sept. 17, 1951	Jan. 20, 1953	William J. Perry	Feb. 3, 1994	Jan. 23, 1997
Charles E. Wilson	Jan. 28, 1953	Oct. 8, 1957	William S. Cohen	Jan. 24, 1997	Jan. 20, 2001
Neil H. McElroy	Oct. 9, 1957	Dec. 1, 1959	Donald H. Rumsfeld	Jan. 20, 2001	Dec. 18, 2006
Thomas S. Gates	Dec. 2, 1959	Jan. 20, 1961	Robert M. Gates	Dec. 18, 2006	July 1, 2011
Robert S. McNamara	Jan. 21, 1961	Feb. 29, 1968	Leon E. Panetta	July 1, 2011	Feb. 27, 2013
Clark M. Clifford	March 1, 1968	Jan. 20, 1969	Chuck Hagel	Feb. 27, 2013	Feb. 17, 2015
Melvin R. Laird	Jan. 22, 1969	Jan. 29, 1973	Ashton B. Carter	Feb. 17, 2015	Jan. 19, 2017
Elliot L. Richardson	Jan. 30, 1973	May 24, 1973	James N. Mattis	Jan. 20, 2017	Dec. 31, 2018
James R. Schlesinger	July 2, 1973	Nov. 19, 1975	Patrick M. Shanahan (acting)	Jan. 1, 2019	June 24, 2019
Donald H. Rumsfeld	Nov. 20, 1975	Jan. 20, 1977	Mark T. Esper	July 23, 2019	Nov. 9, 2020
Harold Brown	Jan. 21, 1977	Jan. 20, 1981	Lloyd J. Austin III	Jan. 22, 2021	
Caspar W. Weinberger	Jan. 21, 1981	Nov. 23, 1987			

CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF					
Gen. of the Army Omar N. Bradley	Aug. 16, 1949	Aug. 15, 1953	Gen. Colin L. Powell, USA	Oct. 1, 1989	Sept. 30, 1993
Adm. Arthur W. Radford, USN	Aug. 15, 1953	Aug. 15, 1957	Adm. David Jeremiah, USN (acting)	Oct. 1, 1993	Oct. 24, 1993
Gen. Nathan F. Twining, USAF	Aug. 15, 1957	Sept. 30, 1960	Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA	Oct. 25, 1993	Sept. 30, 1997
Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, USA	Oct. 1, 1960	Sept. 30, 1962	Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA	Oct. 1, 1997	Oct. 1, 2001
Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, USA	Oct. 1, 1962	July 1, 1964	Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF	Oct. 1, 2001	Sept. 30, 2005
Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, USA	July 3, 1964	July 2, 1970	Gen. Peter Pace, USMC	Sept. 30, 2005	Oct. 1, 2007
Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, USN	July 2, 1970	July 1, 1974	Adm. Michael G. Mullen, USN	Oct. 1, 2007	Sept. 30, 2011
Gen. George S. Brown, USAF	July 1, 1974	June 20, 1978	Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, USA	Sept. 30, 2011	Sept. 25, 2015
Gen. David C. Jones, USAF	June 21, 1978	June 18, 1982	Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., USMC	Sept. 25, 2015	Sept. 30, 2019
Gen. John W. Vessey Jr., USA	June 18, 1982	Sept. 30, 1985	Gen. Mark A. Milley, USA	Oct. 1, 2019	
Adm. William J. Crowe Jr., USN	Oct. 1, 1985	Sept. 30, 1989			

VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF					
Gen. Robert T. Herres, USAF	Feb. 6, 1987	Feb. 28, 1990	Adm. Edmund Giambastiani Jr., USN	Aug. 12, 2005	Aug. 3, 2007
Adm. David E. Jeremiah, USN	March 1, 1990	Feb. 28, 1994	Gen. James E. Cartwright, USMC	Aug. 4, 2007	Aug. 4, 2011
Adm. William A. Owens, USN	March 1, 1994	Feb. 27, 1996	Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr., USN	Aug. 4, 2011	July 31, 2015
Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF	March 1, 1996	Feb. 29, 2000	Gen. Paul J. Selva, USAF	July 31, 2015	Nov. 21, 2019
Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF	March 1, 2000	Oct. 1, 2001	Gen. John E. Hyten, USAF	Nov. 21, 2019	Nov. 19, 2021
Gen. Peter Pace, USMC	Oct. 1, 2001	Aug. 12, 2005	Adm. Christopher W. Grady, USN	Dec. 20, 2021	

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 online.



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Then-NORTHCOM commander Gen. Victor Renuart Jr. addresses the National Guard's 2009 Joint Senior Leadership Conference on whole-of-government defense in 2009.

U.S. 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	July 26, 2019			
Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, USA	July 26, 2019				

U.S. 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	March 28, 2019			
Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie Jr., USMC	March 28, 2019	April 1, 2022			
Gen. Michael E. Kurilla, USA	April 1, 2022				

U.S. 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			

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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	May 3, 2019
Gen. Tod D. Wolters, USAF	May 3, 2019	

U.S. 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	May 24, 2018
Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy	May 24, 2018	Aug. 20, 2020
Gen. Glen D. VanHerck, USAF	Aug. 20, 2020	

U.S. INDO-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



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Lt. Gen. Daniel Leaf served as acting Commander of U.S. Pacific Command in March 2007. Leaf is the only USAF member to serve even temporarily as the chief of the unified command.

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

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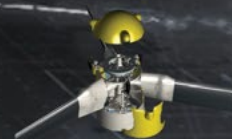
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Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., USN	May 27, 2015	May 31, 2018	Gen. H. T. Johnson, USAF	Sept. 22, 1989	Aug. 24, 1992
Adm. Philip S. Davidson, USN	May 31, 2018	April 30, 2021	Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, USAF	Aug. 25, 1992	Oct. 17, 1994
Adm. John C. Aquilino, USN	April 30, 2021		Gen. Robert L. Rutherford, USAF	Oct. 18, 1994	July 14, 1996
U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND			Gen. Walter Kross, USAF	July 15, 1996	Aug. 2, 1998
Gen. Andrew P. O'Meara, USA	June 6, 1963	Feb. 22, 1965	Gen. Charles T. Robertson Jr., USAF	Aug. 3, 1998	Nov. 5, 2001
Gen. Robert W. Porter Jr., USA	Feb. 22, 1965	Feb. 18, 1969	Gen. John W. Handy, USAF	Nov. 5, 2001	Sept. 7, 2005
Gen. George R. Mather, USA	Feb. 18, 1969	Sept. 20, 1971	Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, USAF	Sept. 7, 2005	Aug. 11, 2008
Gen. George V. Underwood, USA	Sept. 20, 1971	Jan. 17, 1973	VAdm. Ann E. Rondeau, USN (acting)	Aug. 12, 2008	Sept. 4, 2008
Gen. William B. Rosson, USA	Jan. 17, 1973	Aug. 1, 1975	Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, USAF	Sept. 5, 2008	Oct. 14, 2011
Lt. Gen. Dennis P. McAuliffe, USA	Aug. 1, 1975	Oct. 1, 1979	Gen. William M. Fraser III, USAF	Oct. 14, 2011	May 5, 2014
Lt. Gen. Wallace H. Nutting, USA	Oct. 1, 1979	May 24, 1983	Gen. Paul J. Selva, USAF	May 5, 2014	July 31, 2015
Gen. Paul F. Gorman, USA	May 24, 1983	March 1, 1985	VAdm. William Brown, USN (acting)	July 31, 2015	Aug. 26, 2015
Gen. John R. Galvin, USA	March 1, 1985	June 6, 1987	Gen. Darren W. McDew, USAF	Aug. 26, 2015	Aug. 24, 2018
Gen. Fred F. Woerner, USA	June 6, 1987	Oct. 1, 1989	Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, USA	Aug. 24, 2018	Oct. 15, 2021
Gen. Maxwell R. Thurman, USA	Oct. 1, 1989	Nov. 21, 1990	Gen. Jaqueline D. Van Ovost	Oct. 15, 2021	
Gen. George A. Joulwan, USA	Nov. 21, 1990	October 1993	NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU		
Maj. Gen. W. Worthington, USAF (acting)	October 1993	Feb. 17, 1994	Maj. Gen. Butler B. Miltonberger, USA	Feb. 1, 1946	Sept. 29, 1947
Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, USA	Feb. 17, 1994	March 1, 1996	Maj. Gen. Kenneth F. Cramer, USA	Sept. 30, 1947	Sept. 4, 1950
RAdm. James Perkins, USN (acting)	March 1, 1996	June 26, 1996	Maj. Gen. Raymond H. Fleming, USA*	Sept. 5, 1950	Feb. 15, 1953
Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA	June 26, 1996	July 13, 1997	Maj. Gen. Earl T. Ricks, USAF (acting)	Feb. 16, 1953	June 21, 1953
RAdm. Walter F. Doran, USN (acting)	July 13, 1997	Sept. 25, 1997	Maj. Gen. Edgar C. Erickson, USA	June 22, 1953	May 31, 1959
Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC	Sept. 25, 1997	Sept. 8, 2000	Maj. Gen. Winston P. Wilson,	June 1, 1959	July 19, 1959
Gen. Peter Pace, USMC	Sept. 8, 2000	Sept. 30, 2001	USAF (acting)		
Maj. Gen. G. D. Speer, USA (acting)	Sept. 30, 2001	Aug. 18, 2002	Maj. Gen. Donald W. McGowan, USA	July 20, 1959	Aug. 30, 1963
Gen. James T. Hill, USA	Aug. 18, 2002	Nov. 9, 2004	Maj. Gen. Winston P. Wilson, USAF	Aug. 31, 1963	Aug. 31, 1971
Gen. Bantz J. Craddock, USA	Nov. 9, 2004	Oct. 19, 2006	Maj. Gen. Francis S. Greenlief, USA	Sept. 1, 1971	June 23, 1974
Adm. James G. Stavridis, USN	Oct. 19, 2006	June 25, 2009	Lt. Gen. La Vern E. Weber, USA	Aug. 16, 1974	Aug. 15, 1982
Gen. Douglas M. Fraser, USAF	June 25, 2009	Nov. 19, 2012	Lt. Gen. Emmett H. Walker Jr., USA	Aug. 16, 1982	Aug. 15, 1986
Gen. John F. Kelly, USMC	Nov. 19, 2012	Jan. 14, 2016	Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple Jr., USA	Aug. 16, 1986	Jan. 31, 1990
Adm. Kurt W. Tidd, USN	Jan. 14, 2016	Nov. 26, 2018	Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway, USAF	Feb. 1, 1990	Dec. 1, 1993
Adm. Craig S. Faller, USN	Nov. 26, 2018	Oct. 29, 2021	Maj. Gen. Raymond Rees, USA (acting)	Jan. 1, 1994	July 31, 1994
Gen. Laura J. Richardson, USA	Oct. 29, 2021		Lt. Gen. Edward D. Baca, USA	Oct. 1, 1994	July 31, 1998
Formerly US Caribbean Command Nov. 1, 1947. Redesignated June 6, 1963. For historical leaders, see US Caribbean Command in Historic Unified Command Leaders section.			Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis, USAF	Aug. 4, 1998	Aug. 3, 2002
U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND			Maj. Gen. Raymond Rees, USA (acting)	Aug. 4, 2002	April 10, 2003
Gen. James J. Lindsay, USA	April 16, 1987	June 27, 1990	Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, USA	April 11, 2003	Nov. 16, 2008
Gen. Carl W. Stiner, USA	June 27, 1990	May 20, 1993	Gen. Craig R. McKinley, USAF	Nov. 17, 2008	Sept. 7, 2012
Gen. Wayne A. Downing, USA	May 20, 1993	Feb. 29, 1996	Gen. Frank J. Grass, USA	Sept. 7, 2012	Aug. 3, 2016
Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA	Feb. 29, 1996	Sept. 25, 1997	Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel, USAF	Aug. 3, 2016	Aug. 3, 2020
Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, USA	Nov. 5, 1997	Oct. 27, 2000	Gen. Daniel R. Hokanson, USA	Aug. 3, 2020	
Gen. Charles R. Holland, USAF	Oct. 27, 2000	Sept. 2, 2003	NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND		
Gen. Bryan D. Brown, USA	Sept. 2, 2003	July 9, 2007	Gen. Earle E. Partridge, USAF	Sept. 12, 1957	July 30, 1959
Adm. Eric T. Olson, USN	July 9, 2007	Aug. 15, 2011	Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, USAF	Aug. 1, 1959	July 30, 1962
Adm. William H. McRaven, USN	Aug. 15, 2011	Aug. 28, 2014	Gen. John K. Gerhart, USAF	Aug. 1, 1962	March 30, 1965
Gen. Joseph L. Votel, USA	Aug. 28, 2014	March 30, 2016	Gen. Dean C. Strother, USAF	April 1, 1965	July 29, 1966
Gen. Raymond A. Thomas, USA	March 30, 2016	March 29, 2019	Gen. Raymond J. Reeves, USAF	Aug. 1, 1966	July 31, 1969
Gen. Richard D. Clarke, USA	March 29, 2019		Gen. Seth J. McKee, USAF	Aug. 1, 1969	Sept. 30, 1973
U.S. STRATEGIC COMMAND			Gen. Lucius D. Clay Jr., USAF	Oct. 1, 1973	Aug. 29, 1975
Gen. George L. Butler, USAF	June 1, 1992	Feb. 13, 1994	Gen. Daniel James Jr., USAF	Sept. 1, 1975	Dec. 5, 1977
Adm. Henry G. Chiles Jr., USN	Feb. 14, 1994	Feb. 21, 1996	Gen. James E. Hill, USAF	Dec. 6, 1977	Dec. 31, 1979
Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF	Feb. 22, 1996	June 25, 1998	Gen. James V. Hartinger, USAF	Jan. 1, 1980	July 30, 1984
Adm. Richard W. Mies, USN	June 26, 1998	Nov. 30, 2001	Gen. Robert T. Herres, USAF	July 30, 1984	Feb. 5, 1987
Adm. James O. Ellis Jr., USN	Nov. 30, 2001	July 9, 2004	Gen. John L. Piotrowski, USAF	Feb. 6, 1987	March 30, 1990
Gen. James E. Cartwright, USMC	July 9, 2004	Aug. 10, 2007	Gen. Donald J. Kutyna, USAF	April 1, 1990	June 30, 1992
Lt. Gen. Robert Kehler, USAF (acting)	Aug. 10, 2007	Oct. 3, 2007	Gen. Charles A. Horner, USAF	June 30, 1992	Sept. 12, 1994
Gen. Kevin P. Chilton, USAF	Oct. 3, 2007	Jan. 28, 2011	Gen. Joseph W. Ashy, USAF	Sept. 13, 1994	Aug. 26, 1996
Gen. Robert Kehler, USAF	Jan. 28, 2011	Nov. 15, 2013	Gen. Howell M. Estes III, USAF	Aug. 27, 1996	Aug. 13, 1998
Adm. Cecil D. Haney, USN	Nov. 15, 2013	Nov. 3, 2016	Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF	Aug. 14, 1998	Feb. 22, 2000
Gen. John E. Hyten, USAF	Nov. 3, 2016	Nov. 18, 2019	Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF	Feb. 22, 2000	Nov. 5, 2004
Adm. Charles A. Richard, USN	Nov. 18, 2019		Adm. Timothy J. Keating, USN	Nov. 5, 2004	March 23, 2007
Merged the functions of U.S. Space Command into U.S. Strategic Command Oct. 1, 2002.			Gen. Victor E. Renuart Jr., USAF	March 23, 2007	May 19, 2010
U.S. TRANSPORTATION COMMAND			Adm. James A. Winnefeld Jr., USN	May 19, 2010	Aug. 4, 2011
Gen. Duane H. Cassidy, USAF	July 1, 1987	Sept. 21, 1989	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	May 24, 2018
			Gen. Terrance J. O'Shaughnessy	May 24, 2018	Aug. 20, 2020
			Gen. Glen D. VanHerck, USAF	Aug. 20, 2020	

*Fleming served as acting Chief until Aug. 14, 1951.