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BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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MAJOR GENERAL DONALD B. STOKES

Major General Donald B. Stokes is the mobilization assistant to the commander, Air Combat Command (ACC), with headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, Va. The command organizes, trains, equips and maintains combat-ready forces for rapid deployment and employment while ensuring strategic air defense forces are ready to meet the challenges of peacetime air sovereignty and wartime defense. Air Combat Command is comprised of 1,056 aircraft and approximately 103,100 active-duty military members and civilian personnel at 30 major installations in the United States, Panama, Iceland and Portugal. When mobilized, more than 65,500 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members, along with 662 aircraft are assigned to ACC. The command provides nuclear forces for U.S. Strategic Command, theater air forces for five geographic unified commands (U.S. Atlantic Command, U.S. Central Command, U.S. Southern Command, U.S. European Command and U.S. Pacific Command), as well as defense forces for the North American Aerospace Defense Command.



The general enlisted in the Nebraska Air National Guard in May 1963 and received a direct commission in September 1963. He is a command pilot with more than 2,500 flying hours in tactical fighter and reconnaissance aircraft. As a Trans World Airlines pilot, he has more than 14,000 flying hours in the Boeing 707, 727, 757, and 767, Lockheed L-1011, and McDonnell-Douglas DC-9 and MD-80 aircraft. Currently, he is a captain and check pilot on the Boeing 757 and 767.

After a 14-year career in the Air National Guard, the general transferred to the Air Force Reserve. He served as a fighter squadron commander and vice commander of a fighter wing prior to his selection to a mobilization assistant position.

EDUCATION:

1963 Bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, University of Nebraska
1980 Air Command and Staff College
1987 Air War College

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1963 - September 1963, student, basic military training school, Lackland Air Force Base,

Texas

2. September 1963 - January 1965, squadron executive officer, 173rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Lincoln Air National Guard Base, Neb.
3. January 1965 - February 1966, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
4. February 1966 - January 1972, RF-84F pilot, 173rd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Lincoln Air National Guard Base, Neb.
5. January 1972 - April 1978, RF-4C flying safety officer, 155th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Lincoln Air National Guard Base, Neb.
6. April 1978 - August 1982, air operations officer, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii
7. August 1982 - September 1982, student, Air Force Reserve Operational Training Course (A-10), Barksdale Air Force Base, La.
8. September 1982 - April 1986, A-10 flying safety officer, 442nd Tactical Fighter Wing, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo.
9. April 1986 - March 1987, commander, 303rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo.
10. March 1987 - December 1988, vice commander, 442nd Tactical Fighter Wing, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo.
11. December 1988 - October 1989, deputy commander for resources, 442nd Tactical Fighter Wing, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo.
12. October 1989 - May 1990, deputy commander for maintenance, 442nd Tactical Fighter Wing, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Mo.
13. May 1990 - September 1992, mobilization assistant to the deputy chief of staff for logistics, Headquarters Air Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
14. September 1992 - April 1997, mobilization assistant to the commander, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
15. April 1997 - present, mobilization assistant to the commander, Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 2,700

Aircraft flown: T-33, T-37, T-38, AT-38, RF-84F, RF-4C and A-10

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Sept 6, 1963
First Lieutenant	Sep 6, 1966
Captain	Sep 6, 1970
Major	Sept. 6, 1977
Lieutenant Colonel	Sep 6, 1984
Colonel	Jun 1, 1988
Brigadier General	Mar 31, 1993
Major General	Feb 29, 1996

(Current as of March 1999)