



FACT SHEET

Global Strike Challenge is the world's premier bomber, Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, helicopter operations and security forces competition with units from Air Force Global Strike Command, Air Combat Command, Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard.



Goals

- Showcase the world's premier bomber and ICBM force
- Foster esprit de corps through rigorous competition and teamwork
- Recognize outstanding AFGSC personnel and teams
- Improve our combat capabilities through competition and community crosstalk

People and Organization

Approximately 450 competitors take part in GSC competitions at various locations. Competition categories rigorously test security forces along with missile, bomber and helicopter operational and maintenance communities. Teams will have the opportunity to participate in events that require innovative thinking and teamwork; competencies that are central to the AFGSC mission. The following AFGSC units will participate in competitions run by AFGSC Headquarters:

- 2d Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
- 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota
- 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas
- 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota
- 90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming
- 91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota
- 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
- 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
- 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Missouri

Also participating are Air Combat Command's 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron at Barksdale AFB, LA, Air Force Reserve Command's 307th Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, LA, the North Dakota Air National Guard 219th Security Forces Squadron and the 131st Bomb Wing from the Missouri Air National Guard.

Awards

- Bomb Wings compete for the Fairchild Trophy recognizing the Best Bomb Wing
- Missile Wings compete for the Blanchard Trophy recognizing the Best Missile Wing
- Bomb Wings compete for the Ellis Giant Sword Trophy recognizing the Best Maintenance Group
- Bomb Wings compete for the LeMay Trophy recognizing the Best Bomb Squadron
- Bomb Wings compete for the Mitchell Trophy recognizing the squadron with the Best Single Bomb score
- Missile Wings compete for the Klotz Trophy recognizing the Best ICBM and Helicopters Ops Teams
- Missile Wings compete for the Blackburn Trophy recognizing the Best Maintenance Group
- Helicopter squadrons compete for the Bourland Trophy recognizing the Best Helicopter Ops Team
- Security Forces compete for the Charlie Fire Team Trophy recognizing the Best Security Force Team

For more information please contact the Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs Office afgsc.pa@barksdale.af.mil; 318-456-1305 or DSN 781-1305; 245 Davis Ave. E. Room 198; Barksdale AFB, La. 71110.

Current as of May 2021



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

GENERAL ANTHONY J. COTTON

Gen. Anthony J. Cotton is Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) and Commander, Air Forces Strategic - Air, U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. AFGSC provides strategic deterrence, global strike capability, and combat support to USSTRATCOM and other geographic combatant commands. The command is comprised of more than 33,700 professionals operating at two numbered air forces; 11 active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve wings; and the Joint Global Strike Operations Center. Weapons systems assigned to AFGSC include all U.S. Air Force Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles and bomber aircraft, UH-1N helicopters, E-4B National Airborne Operations Center aircraft, and the U.S. Air Force NC3 weapons system.

General Cotton entered the Air Force through the ROTC program in 1986 where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science from North Carolina State University in Raleigh. He has commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels. He served as Deputy Director of the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Executive Action Group, as Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Deputy Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, as well as, Commander and President of Air University. He was also the Vice Commander and Commander of the 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana, and the Commander of the 45th Space Wing and Director of the Eastern Range, Patrick AFB, Florida.



Prior to his current assignment, General Cotton served as the Deputy Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) and Deputy Commander, Air Forces Strategic - Air, U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

EDUCATION

1986 Bachelor of Science, Political Science, North Carolina State University, Raleigh
1991 Master of Science, Administration, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant
1992 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2001 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2005 U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
2006 Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
2007 Phase II PME, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
2009 Senior Managers Course on National Security, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
2014 AFSO 21 Executive Leadership Course, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
2017 Leadership Decision Making, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
2018 Pinnacle Course, National Defense University, Ft McNair, Washington, D.C.
2018 The Harvard Seminar for New Presidents, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, Mass.
2018 Leadership at the Peak, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2020 Combined Forces Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1986 - July 1991, Missile Combat Crew Commander; Standardization/Evaluation Missile Combat Crew Commander; Chief, Standardization/Evaluation Operations/Procedures Branch and Wing Executive Officer, 91st Missile Wing, Minot Air Force Base, N.D.
2. July 1991 - April 1994, Command Operations Evaluator 3901st Missile Evaluation Squadron and Chief of Protocol, 20th Air Force, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
3. April 1994 - April 1997, Space Surveillance Crew Commander, Flight Commander, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo.
4. April 1997 - January 1999, Chief, Space Surveillance Optical Section; Space Surveillance Program Element Monitor; and Executive Officer to the Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

5. January 1999 - June 2000, Executive Officer to the Commander, 14th Air Force, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
6. June 2000 - June 2001, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. June 2001 - March 2004, Operations Officer, 45th Range Squadron; Commander, 3rd Space Launch Squadron; and Deputy Commander, 45th Operations Group, Patrick AFB, Fla.
8. March 2004 - June 2005, Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
9. June 2005 - March 2008, Deputy Director, Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Executive Action Group; Director, Preparation and Planning; and Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. April 2008 - July 2009, Commander, Space Operations Group, Aerospace Data Facility-East, Fort Belvoir, Va.
11. July 2009 - May 2010, Vice Commander, 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
12. May 2010 - August 2011, Commander, 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
13. August 2011 - June 2013, Commander, 45th Space Wing, and Director, Eastern Range, Patrick AFB, Fla.
14. June 2013 - November 2015, Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Va.
15. November 2015 - January 2018, Commander, 20th Air Force, Air Force Global Strike Command, Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyo.
16. February 2018 - October 2019, Commander and President, Air University, Air Education and Training Command, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
17. October 2019 - August 2021, Deputy Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, and Deputy Commander, Air Forces Strategic - Air, U.S. Strategic Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
18. August 2021 - present, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, and Commander, Air Forces Strategic - Air, U.S. Strategic Command, Barksdale AFB, La.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2006 - June 2007, Director, Preparation and Planning; and Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
2. June 2007 - April 2008, Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
3. April 2008 - July 2009, Commander, Space Operations Group, Aerospace Data Facility-East, Fort Belvoir, Va. (National Reconnaissance Office), as a colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster
Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal with device
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
National Reconnaissance Office Medal of Distinguished Performance

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 7, 1986
First Lieutenant June 7, 1988
Captain June 7, 1990
Major March 1, 1998
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2002
Colonel Dec. 1, 2006
Brigadier General Nov. 10, 2011
Major General July 6, 2015
Lieutenant General Feb. 15, 2018
General Aug. 27, 2021

(Current as of August 2021)



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MARK WEATHERINGTON

Lt. Gen. Mark E. Weatherington is the Deputy Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) and Deputy Commander, Air Forces Strategic-Air, U.S. Strategic Command, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. AFGSC provides strategic deterrence, global strike capability, and combat support to USSTRATCOM and the geographic combatant commands. The command is comprised of more than 33,700 professionals operating at two numbered air forces; 11 active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve wings; and the Joint Global Strike Operations Center. Weapons systems assigned to AFGSC include all Air Force Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles and bomber aircraft, UH-1N helicopters, E-4B National Airborne Operations Center aircraft, and the Air Force NC3 weapons system.

Lt. Gen. Weatherington earned his commission in 1990 following graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has served in a variety of operational assignments, including command of the 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, and has held various positions at the major command, combatant command, Joint Staff, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense levels. Prior to this assignment, Lt. Gen. Weatherington commanded the Mighty Eighth Air Force and the Joint-Global Strike Operations Center, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

Lt. Gen. Weatherington is a command pilot with more than 2,400 flying hours, including combat over Afghanistan.



EDUCATION

- 1990 Bachelor of Science, History, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1994 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2000 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2002 Master of Arts, History, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas
- 2003 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2004 School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2005 Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Professional Military Education II, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
- 2009 Foreign Policy Fellow, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Space Operations Executive Course, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- 2015 Cyberspace Operations Executive Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2016 Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2017 U.S.-U.K. Rising Leader Forum, Royal College of Defense Studies, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 Chief Information Security Officer Certificate, College of Information and Cyberspace, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Senior Executives in National and International Security, The Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2019 Senior Joint Information Operations Applications Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2019 Senior Leader Nuclear Management Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 2020 Combined Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1990 - October 1991, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
2. November 1991 - June 1994, Flight Commander, 22nd Security Police Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.
3. June 1994 - February 1997, B-1 Pilot, 9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
4. February 1997 - October 1999, Assistant Operations Officer, 34th Bomb Squadron; Wing Scheduler, 366th Operational Support Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
5. October 1999 - June 2002, Wing Weapons Officer, 28th Operational Support Squadron; assistant Operations Officer and Chief of Weapons and Tactics, 77th Bomb Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
6. July 2002 - June 2003, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
7. July 2003 - June 2004, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

8. June 2004 - November 2006, Chairman's Action Group Strategist, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Joint Doctrine Planner, Joint Staff, J7, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
9. November 2006 - July 2008, B-1 requalification student, then Commander, 28th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
10. July 2008 - July 2009, Foreign Policy Fellow, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
11. July 2009 - August 2010, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow, with duties as Chief of Naval Operations Fellow, Strategic Studies Group XXIX, Newport, R.I.
12. August 2010 - April 2011, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow, with duties as Special Assistant to the Commander, United States Air Forces Central Command, Southwest Asia
13. May 2011 - April 2013, Commander, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
14. April 2013 - May 2014, Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
15. May 2014 - June 2016, Deputy Director for Command, Control, Communications and Computers (C4)/Cyber, Joint Staff, J6, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. July 2016 - March 2018, Director, Cyberspace Operations (J6/J3D), North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
17. April 2018 - May 2020, Deputy Commander, Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas
18. June 2020 - August 2021, Commander, Eighth Air Force and Joint-Global Strike Operations Center, Barksdale AFB, La.
19. August 2021 - present, Deputy Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2004 - November 2006, Chairman's Action Group Strategist, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Joint Doctrine Planner, Joint Staff, J7, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a major and lieutenant colonel
2. April 2013 - May 2014, Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
3. May 2014 - June 2016, Deputy Director for Command, Control, Communications and Computers (C4)/Cyber, Joint Staff, J6, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a brigadier general
4. July 2016 - March 2018, Director, Cyberspace Operations (J6/J3D), North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a brigadier general and major general
5. June 2020 - August 2021, Commander, Joint-Global Strike Operations Center, Barksdale AFB, La., as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 2,400

Aircraft flown: B-1, B-2 and MQ-9

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Legion of Merit

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1990

First Lieutenant May 30, 1992

Captain May 30, 1994

Major June 1, 2001

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 2005

Colonel October 1, 2008

Brigadier General October 2, 2014

Major General June 2, 2018

Lieutenant General August 23, 2021

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MELVINA A. SMITH

Chief Master Sergeant Melvina A. Smith is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC), and Air Forces Strategic-Air, headquartered at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. She is the senior enlisted leader responsible to the commander on matters concerning the welfare of the command's Airmen. The AFGSC mission is to develop, equip and provide combat-ready forces for nuclear deterrence and global strike operations supporting the initiatives of United States Strategic Command and other geographic combatant commands. AFGSC is comprised of approximately 33,700 professionals operating at two Numbered Air Forces and eleven active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve wings. Assigned weapons systems include Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles, B-1, B-2, and B-52 strategic bombers, UH-1N helicopters, E-4B National Airborne Operations Center aircraft and the Nuclear Command, Control and Communications infrastructure.



Chief Smith grew up in Chicago, Ill., and entered the Air Force in August 1992. Her background includes numerous leadership roles at the HHQ Air Force, MAJCOM, wing, group and squadron levels. Additionally, Chief Smith has served as Chief of the Chief's Group and Deputy Chief of Staff where she provided guidance to all senior leaders on the execution of command chief hiring, as well as principal advisor to the Deputy Staff, Manpower, Personnel, Services and the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force on all chief master sergeant matters. Throughout her career Chief Smith has participated and supported several operations, exercises and deployments in direct support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Prior to assuming her current position, Chief Smith served as Command Chief Master Sergeant of Eighth Air Force and the Senior Enlisted Leader for the Joint-Global Strike Operations Center (J-GSOC) where she was responsible to the commander for the operational utilization, readiness, morale and welfare of more than 24,000 professionals.

EDUCATION

- 1997 United States Air Force Airman Leadership School, Moody Air Force Base (AFB), Ga.
- 1999 Associate of Applied Science, Fitness Recreation & Services Management, CCAF
- 2000 The Cooper Institute Physical Fitness Specialist Course, Moody AFB, Ga.
- 2001 Air Force Institute of Technology Mortuary Affairs Course, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
- 2001 Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Robins AFB, Ga.

2003 Bachelor of Science in General/Liberal Studies, Louisiana Tech University (Cum Laude)
 2006 Air University Professional Military Education Course
 2009 Senior Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 2011 Masters of Art in Management and Leadership, Liberty University, Va.
 2013 Chief's Orientation Course, Hickam Air Base (AB), Hawaii
 2013 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Correspondence Course
 2013 Enlisted Professional Military Education Instructor Course, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, Ala.
 2014 Command Chief Training course, Randolph AFB, Texas
 2016 Senior Enlisted Orientation course, The Judge Advocate General's school, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 2016 Steady State Campaign Support Planning course, Distance Learning, HQ AETC/A3Q
 2016 Advance Nuclear Concepts course, Air Force Nuclear College, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
 2017 Executive Certificate in Project Management, Univ of Management & Technology, Arlington, Va.
 2017 USAF Leadership Enhancement/Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.
 2017 Senior Enlisted Intel Threat Seminar, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C.
 2017 Senior 201 Enlisted Jt Professional Mil Ed II, Joint Forces Staff College/online, Suffolk, Va.
 2017 Keystone Command Senior Enlisted Leader Course, National Defense University, Washington D.C.
 2018 Coaching for Greater Effectiveness, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.
 2019 Enterprise Perspective Seminar EPS-19B, Alan L. Freed Assoc, Inc, Washington D.C.
 2019 Personal and Executive Coaching, College of Executive Coaching, Hollywood Fla.
 2019 PMP Bootcamp, PM-ProLearn, Barksdale AFB, La.
 2020 USAF Enterprise Leadership Seminar, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 2020 EQ-i 2.0 & EQ 360 Emotional Intelligence Certification, College of Executive Coaching

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug 92 - Sept 92, Proficiency Advancement Trainee, Basic Mil Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. Nov 92 - Student, Services (Svs) Technical Training School, Lowry AFB, Colo.
3. Nov 92 - Sep 96, Recreation Specialist, 366th Services Squadron (Sq), Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.
4. Sep 93 - Nov 93, Advon, Food Specialist, 366th Expeditionary SVS Sq, Cairo West AB, Egypt
5. May 94 - Jun 94, Advon, Food Svc Specialist, 366th Expeditionary Svs Sq, Volkfield, Wis.
6. Sep 95 - Nov 95, Advon, Lodging Specialist, 366th Expeditionary Svs Sq, Cairo West AB, Egypt
7. Jul 95 - Aug 95, Advon, Mortuary Collection Point, 366th Exped. Svs Sq, Cold Lake, Canada
8. Mar 96 - May 96, Advon, Food Svc Specialist, 366th Expeditionary Svs Sq, Oslo, Norway
9. Sep 96 - Apr 01, NCOIC, Storeroom Operations, 347th Services Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
10. Jan 98 - Apr 98, Ass Dir, Sports & Fit, 347th Expeditionary Svs Sq, Shaikh Isa AB, Bahrain
11. Apr 01 - Jun 04, NCOIC, Mortuary Affairs, 2nd Services Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.
12. Jun 01 - Oct 01, Team Leader, First Term Airmen's Center, 2nd Svs Sq, Barksdale AFB, La.
13. Apr 02 - Jun 02, Executive Assistant, 2d Mission Support Group, Barksdale AFB, La.
14. Jul 03 - Nov 03, NCOIC Lodging Ops, 447th Expeditionary Svs Sq, Baghdad Int'l Airport, Iraq
15. Jun 04 - Jan 07, NCOIC, Protocol, 8th Air Force Headquarters, Barksdale AFB, La.
16. Jan 06 - May 06, NCOIC Protocol, 376th Air Exped. Wg, Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan Republic
17. Jan 07 - Jan 10, Supt, Sustainment Services Flt, 35th Force Spt Sq, Misawa AB, Japan
18. May 08 - Sept 08, Qual Assurance Program Manager, 379th Expeditionary FSS, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
19. Jan 10 - May 12, Supt, Sustainment Services Flt, 23rd Force Spt Sq, Moody AFB, Ga.
20. Aug 11 - May 12, (Interim) Superintendent, 23rd Force Spt Sq, Moody AFB, Ga.
21. May 12 - Jun 13, Superintendent, Sustainment Svc Flt, 51st Force Spt Sq, Osan AB, Republic of Korea
22. Jun 13 - Jul 14, Lead Facilitator, ALE, AFSNCOA Barnes Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
23. Jun 14 - Jun 16, 71st Mission Support Group, Vance AFB, Okla.
24. Apr 15 - Oct 15, Supt, 602d Training Group Provisional, 2nd AF, Keesler AFB, Miss.
25. Jun 16 - Aug 17, Command Chief, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
26. Aug 17 - Oct 18, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower & Personnel, HAF, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
27. Oct 18 - Oct 21, Command Chief, Eighth Air Force & SEL, J-GSOC, Barksdale AFB, La.
28. Jan 19 - Mar 19, (Interim) Command Chief, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
29. Oct 21 - Present, Command Chief, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with two bronze oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with one silver and one bronze oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal with four bronze oak leaf clusters
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal Korean
Defense Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1992, Proficiency Advancement Graduate, Basic Military Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas
1992, Distinguished Graduate, Services Technical Training School, Lowry AFB, Colo.
1993, Distinguished Graduate, Airman Leadership School, Moody AFB, Ga.
1997, Airman of the Year, 347th Services Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
1998, Airman of the Year, 347th Services Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
1999, Eagle Grant Scholarship recipient, Community College of the Air Force, Moody AFB, Ga.
2000, NCO of the Year, 347th Services Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
2000, Air Force Services Chief Enlisted Council award recipient, Moody AFB, Ga.
2003, Air Force Educational Leave of Absence recipient, Barksdale AFB, La.
2006, AEF 3/4 Mission Hacker award recipient, Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan Republic (30 recipients)
2007, SNCO of the Year, 35th Mission Support Group, Misawa AB, Japan
2008, SNCO of the Year, 35th Force Support Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
2008, SNCO of the Year, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Services, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION

Chief Master Sergeant 1 Apr 2013

(Current as of Oct 2021)



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



MAJOR GENERAL ANDREW J. GEBARA

Maj. Gen. Andrew J. Gebara is the Commander, Eighth Air Force, and Commander, Joint-Global Strike Operations Center, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. "The Mighty Eighth" is responsible for the service's bomber force and airborne nuclear command and control assets, encompassing approximately 21,000 Airmen across six installations, and proudly operating more than 150 E-4, B-1, B-2, B-52 and T-38 aircraft. The J-GSOC serves as the central command and control node for all operations within Air Force Global Strike Command, orchestrating warfighting and readiness activities for the Commander, Air Forces Strategic.

Maj. Gen. Gebara entered the Air Force in 1991 after commissioning through the U.S. Naval Academy. His staff assignments include duty at the National Security Council, the Joint Staff, U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Central Command, the International Security Assistance Force, Headquarters Air Force and Air Force Global Strike Command. A veteran of four campaigns, he has commanded at the squadron and wing level and has served tours of duty with the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

Maj. Gen. Gebara is a command pilot with more than 3,800 flight hours, including 46 combat sorties in the A-10 and B-2 in support of operations Iraqi Freedom I, Allied Force, Joint Guard, and service both in the air and on the ground in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



EDUCATION

- 1991 Bachelor of Science, Political Science, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
- 1997 Master of Social Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2003 U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
- 2006 Master of Operational Studies, School of Advanced Warfighting, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.
- 2009 Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
- 2010 Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership, University of Missouri, Columbia

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1991–May 1993, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas
2. May 1993–November 1993, Student, B-52G Combat Crew Training, Castle AFB, Calif.
3. November 1993–September 1997, B-52H Copilot, Aircraft Commander and squadron Chief of Safety, Barksdale AFB, La.
4. September 1997–June 1998, Student, A-10 Upgrade Training, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
5. June 1998–May 2000, A-10 Four-Ship Flight Lead and Chief of Scheduling, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
6. May 2000–March 2001, Student, B-2 Upgrade Training, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
7. March 2001–June 2005, B-2 Instructor Pilot, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, and Assistant Director of Operations, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
8. June 2005–June 2006, Student, School of Advanced Warfighting, Marine Corps University, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.
9. June 2006–July 2008, B-2 Director of Operations, later, Commander, 325th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
10. July 2008–June 2009, Student, Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
11. June 2009–June 2010, Deputy Director and Chief, Strategic Communications Branch, Commander's Initiatives Group, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
12. July 2010–February 2011, Deputy Director, Commander's Initiatives Group, International Security Assistance Force, Kabul, Afghanistan
13. April 2011–May 2012, Vice Commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.
14. May 2012–August 2014, Commander, 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, La.
15. August 2014–May 2015, Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

16. May 2015–May 2017, Deputy Director for Nuclear Operations, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
17. May 2017–March 2018, Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team Three, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, Joint Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
18. March 2018–April 2019, Deputy Senior Director for Defense Policy and Strategy, National Security Council, Washington, D.C.
19. April 2019–August 2021, Director of Strategic Plans, Programs, and Requirements, Headquarters Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La.
20. August 2021–present, Commander, Eighth Air Force and Joint-Global Strike Operations Center, Barksdale AFB, La.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2009–June 2010, Deputy Director and Chief, Strategic Communications Branch, Commander's Initiatives Group, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla, as a lieutenant colonel
2. July 2010–February 2011, Deputy Director, Commander's Initiatives Group, International Security Assistance Force, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a lieutenant colonel
3. May 2015–May 2017, Deputy Director for Nuclear Operations, United States Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb, as a brigadier general
4. May 2017–March 2018, Deputy Director for Operations, Operations Team Three, National Joint Operations and Intelligence Center, Joint Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a brigadier general
5. March 2018–April 2019, Deputy Senior Director for Defense Policy and Strategy, National Security Council, Washington, D.C., as a brigadier general
6. August 2021–present, Commander, Joint-Global Strike Operations Center, Barksdale AFB, La., as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,800

Aircraft Flown: A/OA-10, B-2, B-52G/H, E-6B, and T/AT-38

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Distinguished Flying Cross
Bronze Star Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Aerial Achievement Medal
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Combat Action Medal
Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Kosovo Campaign Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with device
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
NATO Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1993 Distinguished Graduate, B-52 Combat Crew Training Course
1998 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer's School, Class 98-E
1998 Distinguished Graduate, Joint Firepower Control Course, Class 93-03
2009 Distinguished Graduate, Highest Distinction, Naval War College
2009 AFCEA Research Honor Award

PUBLICATIONS

"Deep Thoughts," A-10s over Kosovo: The Victory of Airpower over a Fielded Army as Told by the Airmen Who Fought in Operation Allied Force, December 2003
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"What Were We Thinking? An Analysis of Department of Defense Advanced Studies Group Theses from Operation Desert Storm to Operation Iraqi Freedom I, 1992–2002," University of Missouri, Columbia, 2010

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1991

First Lieutenant May 30, 1993

Captain May 30, 1995

Major April 1, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel Dec.1, 2006

Colonel Sept. 1, 2011

Brigadier General Jan. 1, 2016

Major General May 22, 2020

(Current as of August 2021)



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL J. LUTTON

Maj. Gen. Michael Lutton is Commander, Twentieth Air Force, Air Force Global Strike Command, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming. Maj. Gen. Lutton is responsible for over 12,000 Airmen providing nuclear global strike and nuclear weapons sustainment for the United States Air Force.

Maj. Gen. Lutton is a career space and missile officer. He is a graduate of the United States Air Force Weapons School. He also served as weapons officer instructor, weapons squadron operations officer and weapons squadron commander. Maj. Gen. Lutton commanded the United States Air Force's only group providing initial training for the nation's space and intercontinental ballistic missile operations and air launched cruise missile maintenance forces. Maj. Gen. Lutton also served as a weapons officer in the 32nd Air Operations Group and served in Operation Allied Force.

Prior to his current assignment, Maj. Gen. Lutton served as the Deputy Director for Nuclear and Homeland Defense Operations, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

EDUCATION

1989 Bachelor of Arts, Kent State University, Ohio 1990 Distinguished Graduate Air Force ROTC

1995 Master of Science, Systems Management, Lesley College, Cambridge, Mass. 1997 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1998 United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.

2001 Joint Doctrine Air Campaign Planners Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala. 2004 Joint Special Operations Planners Course, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

2005 Distinguished Graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala. 2005 Master of Arts, Military Operational Art and Science, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2006 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

2010 Distinguished Graduate with Highest Distinction, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

2010 Master of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I. 2010 University of Tennessee, Center for Executive Education, Knoxville

2017 University of North Carolina, Kenan Flagler Business School--Enterprise Leadership Seminar 2019 Advanced Senior Leader Development Seminar, Warrenton, Va.

2019 Combined Forces Air Component Commander Course, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.



ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 1991–June 1991, Student, Missile Initial Qualification Training, 4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

2. July 1991–September 1992, Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander and Standardization Evaluation Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander, 400th Missile Squadron and 90th Operations Group, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

3. October 1992–September 1993, Missile Combat Crew Commander, Training and Evaluation Flight Commander, 400th Missile Squadron, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

4. September 1993–June 1995, Senior Instructor Commander and Senior Evaluator Commander, 90th Operations Group, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

5. June 1995–December 1997, Crew Commander, Chief, Operations Training and Flight Commander, Operations, 4th Space Operations Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.

6. January 1998–June 1998, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.

7. July 1998–June 2000, Chief, Space Control and Deputy Chief, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Special Technical Operations, 32nd Air Operations Group, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

8. July 2000–June 2001, Executive Officer, Assistant Director of Operations, Headquarters, USAFE, Ramstein AB, Germany

9. July 2001–June 2004, Instructor, Assistant Operations Officer and Operations Officer, 328th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
10. July 2004–June 2005, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. July 2005–June 2007, Chief, Congressional Activities Branch, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Space Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force and Chief, Space Operations, Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Executive Action Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
12. June 2007–June 2009, Commander, 328th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
13. July 2009–July 2010, Student, Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, Newport, R.I.
14. July 2010–June 2012, Commander, 381st Training Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
15. June 2012–June 2014, Deputy Director, Mission Assessment and Analysis, (J9) Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.
16. June 2014–June 2016, Commander, 91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, N.D.
17. June 2016–July 2018, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Applications, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Washington D.C.
18. July 2018–June 2020, Deputy Director for Nuclear and Homeland Defense Operations, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
19. July 2020-present, Commander, 20th Air Force, Air Force Global Strike Command, Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

SUMMARY OF JOINT AND INTERAGENCY ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2012–June 2014, Deputy Director, Mission Assessment and Analysis, (J9) Headquarters U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a colonel
2. June 2016–July 2018, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Applications, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Washington D.C., as a brigadier general
3. July 2018–June 2020, Deputy Director for Nuclear and Homeland Defense Operations, the Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a brigadier general

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters Combat Readiness Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF RANK

Second Lieutenant Sept. 26, 1990
First Lieutenant Sept. 26, 1992
Captain Sept. 26, 1994
Major Nov. 1, 2001
Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 1, 2006
Colonel Oct. 1, 2010
Brigadier General Aug. 2, 2016
Major General Oct. 2, 2019

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT B. FORE

Lt Col Robert “Blake” Fore is the Advanced Weapons Branch Chief within Air Force Global Strike Command’s (AFGSC) Strategic Plans, Programs and Requirements Directorate. He leads six personnel performing strategic and tactical analysis of future weapon requirements, collaborating with combatant commands, program offices and industry partners to ensure future weapons technology meets emerging warfighter needs.

After serving four years in the Florida Air National Guard as an F-15 Electrical and Environmental Technician, Lt Col Fore commissioned through Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama in 2001. He is a Command Pilot and graduate of the USAF Weapons School qualified in the B-52. Lt Col Fore has more than 2,700 flying hours in the B-52 with multiple deployments to the Pacific Theater and multiple long-range Global Power missions as well as jumps from multiple platforms in support of INDIOPACOM’s only Airborne Infantry Brigade. Previously, Lt Col Fore served as the Commander, 817th Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron, which provided Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC), Combat Weather, Air Support Operations Center, and Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance Liaison support to NATO, Special Operations and conventional forces throughout Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Additionally, Lt Col Fore has also deployed in support of combat operations in Iraq as an Air Liaison Officer and JTAC during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and has served in the Combat Plans Division at Al Udeid in support of Operation INFINTIE RESOLVE and NATO’s RESOLUTE SUPPORT. Lt Col Fore’s range of leadership experience ranges from serving as a B-52 Flight Commander, Chief of Nuclear Operations, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, Assistant Director of Operations and Director of Operations. Prior to his current assignment, Lt Col Fore served as the Bomber Functional Area Manager within AFGSC’s Operations and Communications Directorate.



EDUCATION

- 1996 Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL
- 2008 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL
- 2011 Master of Science degree in Terrorism, Counterterrorism Studies, Henley-Putnam University, CA
- 2011 United States Air Force B-52 Weapons Instructor Course, Barksdale Air Force Base, LA
- 2012 Air Command and Staff College, correspondence
- 2014 Graduate Certificate in Nuclear Weapons Effects, Proliferation, Policy, Air Force Institute of Technology, OH

2020 Air War College, correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2001 – December 2002, Student Pilot, 80th Flying Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, TX
2. December 2002 – August 2003, B-52 Student Pilot, 11th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA
3. August 2003 – February 2005, B-52 Pilot, 20th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA
4. February 2005 – October 2007, Detachment Commander, 15th Air Support Operations Squadron OL-B, Fort Benning, GA
5. October 2007 – July 2008, B-52 Student Requalification Pilot, 11th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA
6. July 2008 – July 2009, Scheduling Flight Commander, Detachment 1, 5th Operations Group, Minot AFB, ND
7. July 2009 – July 2011, Chief of Nuclear Operations, 69th Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
8. July 2011 – December 2011, Student, 340th Weapons School, Barksdale AFB, LA
9. December 2011 – November 2013, Assistant Director of Operations, 69th Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
10. November 2013 – November 2015, Bomber Operations Inspector, AFGSC IG, Barksdale AFB, LA
11. November 2015 – November 2016, Chief of Bomber Inspections, AFGSC IG, Barksdale AFB, LA
12. November 2016 – April 2019, Director of Operations, 3d Air Support Operations Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK
13. April 2019 – May 2020, Commander, 817 Expeditionary Air Support Operations Squadron, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan
14. August 2020 – August 2021, Bomber Functional Area Manager, AFGSC A3T, Barksdale AFB, LA
15. August 2021 – Present, Advanced Weapons Branch Chief, AFGSC A58Z, Barksdale AFB, LA

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot, Parachutist

Flight Hours: More than 2,700

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, B-52

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

NATO Medal (Afghanistan)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

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