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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### GENERAL NORTON A. SCHWARTZ

General Norton A. Schwartz is the 19th Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, Washington, District of Columbia. As Chief, he serves as the senior uniformed Air Force officer, responsible for organizing, training, and equipping 680,000 Regular, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel, serving in the United States and overseas. As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the general and the other service chiefs function as military advisers to the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council, and the President of the United States.

Prior to assuming his current position, General Schwartz was the Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, and served as the single manager for global air, land, and sea transportation for the entire Department of Defense. During his tenure, General Schwartz led USTRANSCOM's efforts in support of operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.



General Schwartz graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1973. He is an alumnus of the National War College, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a 1994 Fellow of Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar XXI. He has served as commander of multiple organizations, including the U.S. Special Operations Command-Pacific, Alaskan Command, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, and the 11th Air Force.

General Schwartz is a command pilot with more than 4,400 flying hours in a variety of aircraft. He participated as a crewmember in the 1975 airlift evacuation of Saigon, and in 1991 served in operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM, as chief of staff of the Joint Special Operations Task Force for Northern Iraq. In 1997, he led the joint task force that prepared for the noncombatant evacuation of U.S. citizens in Cambodia.