



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM A. CHAMBERS

Maj. Gen. William A. Chambers is Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters U. S. Air Force, Washington D.C. General Chambers is responsible to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force for focus on Nuclear Deterrence Operations. He advocates for and oversees stewardship of Air Force nuclear weapon systems. In addition, he integrates the organizing, training and equipping of the Air Force's nuclear mission, and engages with joint and interagency partners for nuclear enterprise solutions.

General Chambers graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1978. He is a master navigator whose flying experience includes operational tours in the KC-135A and FB-111A, and an instructor tour in the T-43A. He has served as a policy planner on the Joint Staff, and as deputy executive assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The general led the Chief of Staff's Operations Group, and commanded the 11th Wing at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. He has been the Director of Airman Development and Sustainment, Director of Air Force General Officer Management and Director of Communication, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. General Chambers served as Deputy Commanding General, Combined Forces Command - Afghanistan and Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan, U.S. Central Command, Kabul, Afghanistan, from April 2006 to April 2007.



Prior to his current position, he was Vice Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

EDUCATION

- 1978 Bachelor of Science degree in history, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1985 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1989 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 1997 Master of Arts degree in national security and strategic studies, College of Naval Warfare, Newport, R.I.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1978 - February 1979, student, undergraduate navigator training, Mather AFB, Calif.
2. March 1979 - May 1979, student, KC-135 Combat Crew Training School, Castle AFB, Calif.
3. May 1979 - March 1983, KC-135A navigator and instructor navigator, 71st Air Refueling Squadron,

Barksdale AFB, La.

4. March 1983 - December 1983, student, FB-111A Combat Crew Training School, Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.
5. December 1983 - March 1987, FB-111A navigator, instructor navigator, evaluator and Avionics Modernization Program Manager, 509th Bomb Wing, Pease AFB, N.H.
6. March 1987 - July 1990, T-43A instructor navigator, course director, executive officer and operations officer, 50th Airmanship Training Squadron, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
7. July 1990 - January 1992, executive officer to the Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
8. January 1992 - July 1994, Chief, Central Region Basing Branch, and Chief, Special Basing Branch, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
9. July 1994 - August 1994, air operations officer and Chief Liaison Officer to Headquarters European Command for Operation Support Hope, Stuttgart, Germany
10. August 1994 - July 1996, Deputy Commander, 86th Support Group, Ramstein AB, Germany
11. July 1996 - June 1997, student, College of Naval Warfare, Newport, R.I.
12. July 1997 - July 1998, nuclear policy planner and executive assistant to the Deputy Director for Strategy and Policy (J5), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
13. July 1998 - February 2000, deputy executive assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.
14. February 2000 - August 2001, Director, Commander's Action Group, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
15. September 2001 - November 2001, Director, Chief of Staff's Operations Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
16. November 2001 - January 2004, Commander, 11th Wing, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
17. March 2004 - August 2004, Deputy Director of Learning and Force Development, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
18. August 2004 - June 2005, Director of Airman Development and Sustainment, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
19. July 2005 - April 2006, Director, Air Force Senior Leader Management Office, then Air Force General Officer Management Office, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
20. April 2006 - April 2007, Deputy Commanding General, Combined Forces Command - Afghanistan, and then Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan, U.S. Central Command, Kabul, Afghanistan
21. May 2007 - November 2008, Director of Communication, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.
22. November 2008 - May 2009, Director, Air and Space Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany
23. June 2009 - June 2010, Vice Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany
24. July 2010 - present, Assistant Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1994 - August 1994, air operations officer and Chief Liaison Officer to Headquarters European Command for Operation Support Hope, Stuttgart, Germany, as a lieutenant colonel
2. July 1997 - February 2000, nuclear policy planner and executive assistant to the Deputy Director for Strategy and Policy (J5), Joint Staff, and deputy executive assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel
3. April 2006 - April 2007, Deputy Commanding General, Combined Forces Command - Afghanistan, and then Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan, U.S. Central Command, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Master navigator

Flight hours: 2,500

Aircraft flown: T-37, KC-135A, FB-111A and T-43A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal
Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster
Combat Readiness Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Recognition Ribbon

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2003 General and Mrs. Jerome F. O'Malley Award, U.S. Air Force Wing Commander and Spouse of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 31, 1978
First Lieutenant May 31, 1980
Captain May 31, 1982
Major March 1, 1989
Lieutenant Colonel June 1, 1994
Colonel July 1, 2000
Brigadier General June 1, 2005
Major General Dec. 3, 2007

(Current as of July 2010)